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Hurley leaves UMW on steady course

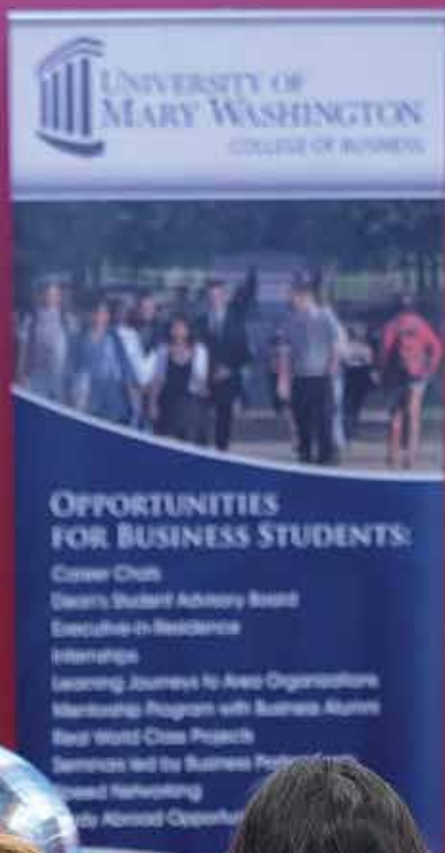
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Mary Washington First Campaign

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ON THE COVER: UMW President Richard V. Hurley visits the Virginia General Assembly in Richmond, Jan. 25, 2016.

THIS SPREAD: The lobby of the renovated Woodard Hall, where the Great Hall once was, is a gathering place for business students. In December, the College of Business moved to Woodard and the Department of Psychological Science moved to the refurbished Mercer Hall.

Photos by Norm Shafer



UMW Announces 10th President

Troy D. Paino will become UMW's 10th president July 1.

Paino has been president of Missouri's public liberal arts and sciences Truman State University since May 2010. The 6,200-student school is ranked the "No. 1 Public University in the Midwest Region" by *U.S. News & World Report*.

"I am fully aware of UMW's reputation for academic excellence and commitment to developing the qualities of mind and heart necessary for reflective citizenship," Paino said. "I am honored to have been selected to lead this great university forward in its critically important mission."

United States: 1960s.

Paino serves on the board of directors of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, and he is a member of the Association of American Colleges and Universities Presidents' Trust for Liberal Education and America's Promise. He is president-elect of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges, and he serves as treasurer of the Council on Public Higher Education in Missouri.

As president of Truman State, Paino has developed a reputation as a personable, student-focused leader who shows great passion for student life. He is highly engaged with



"I am honored to have been selected to lead this great university forward in its critically important mission." – *Troy D. Paino*

Paino also served as Truman State provost and vice president for academic affairs. Previously, he served as dean of Winona State University's College of Liberal Arts in Minnesota. He earned a doctorate and a master's degree in American studies from Michigan State University. He holds a juris doctorate from Indiana University and a bachelor's degree in history and philosophy from Evangel University.

His teaching and scholarly interests include American higher education, 20th-century cultural and social history, and American legal history. He has written extensively on the history of American sports and in 2008 published a book, *The Social History of the*

all constituencies on campus and is a recognized leader at both the state and national levels.

He is married to Kelly Paino, a reading specialist and educator in early childhood and elementary education. The Painos have two daughters, Sophia, a freshman at Drake University, and Chloe, a high-school sophomore.

The appointment of the president is, by statute, the responsibility of the UMW Board of Visitors. The board held a public vote Feb. 18 to ratify the contract for appointment of the institution's 10th president.

Read more about President Paino in the fall/winter '16 edition of *UMW Magazine*.

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Mellon Funds Multicampus Digital Initiative

UMW will be part of a three-year project to expand distance, team-taught, and multicampus digital research seminars in the liberal arts.

The Andrew Mellon Foundation awarded COPLAC – the 29 member-school Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges – a \$540,000 grant for the three-year project. UMW is a COPLAC member.

The project, “Digital Liberal Arts at a Distance,” will be co-directed by UMW History Professor **Jeffrey McClurken '94** and University of North Carolina Asheville History Professor Ellen Holmes Pearson. McClurken, who also is UMW special assistant to the provost for teaching, technology, and innovation, and Pearson co-directed the successful COPLAC-sponsored pilot course “Century America Digital Liberal Arts” that inspired the new effort.

Using distance and online technologies, undergraduate researchers will collaborate across campuses to build major digital projects that will be available to the public on the web. They will develop research, production, and communications skills that are useful in a wide variety of professions.

Seventy-five participants will be selected for the project, including faculty members, special collections librarians, and instructional technologists. They will develop and launch as many as 16 digital liberal arts research seminars on topics in the humanities and humanistic social sciences. All will attend an opening three-day meeting in early June at COPLAC headquarters on the campus of UNC Asheville. Faculty will meet again beginning fall 2016 at the UMW Hurley Convergence Center, where they will receive the technical training required to teach digital liberal arts at a distance from students.

Students in the pilot course that inspired the digital initiative posted this 1918 photo of nurses and soldiers to illustrate WWI on campus.



Special Collections and University Archives

Drawing History

Teresa Boegler '16, below right, and **Sara Sanders '13**, not pictured, received honorable mentions for the 2015 Leicester B. Holland Prize from the National Park Service's Heritage Documentation Program. Boegler was honored for her drawing of the St. James House, a Washington Heritage Museums site in Fredericksburg and one of the city's few remaining 18th-century frame houses.



Sanders, a recent graduate of the joint historic preservation master's degree program at Clemson University and the College of Charleston, based her submission on the 18th-century Pon Pon Chapel in the Jacksonboro, South Carolina, area.

The Holland Prize recognizes the best single-sheet measured drawing of a historic site, structure, or landscape prepared to specific industry standards. The annual national competition is open to students and professionals. Boegler's and Sanders' works will be published in *Preservation Architect*, the online newsletter of the Historic Resources Committee of the American Institute of Architects. Each received a \$500 prize.

UMW Is a Peace Corps Top Producer

For the 12th year, the Peace Corps has ranked the University of Mary Washington among the nation's top-producing colleges for alumni now serving as Peace Corps volunteers.

UMW ranks eighth on the Peace Corps' list of small schools or institutions with fewer than 5,000 undergraduates. According to the Peace Corps, UMW has 11 alumni currently serving around the world.

UMW has been included among the top 20 of the Peace Corps' list of top-producing small schools since 2005. In all, more than 230 UMW alumni have served the 27-month commitment around the world since the Peace Corps' inception in 1961.

The Peace Corps ranks its top volunteer-producing colleges and universities annually according to the size of the student body.





Educating About the Birds and Bees

Maggie Magliato '17 wants everyone to support the important work of bees, birds, butterflies, and other insects, so she's creating a pollinator walk on campus. The international environmental firm Marstel-Day liked the effort so well that it honored Magliato with its Innovation in Environmental Stewardship Award.

"We are trying to teach people how important and easy it is to incorporate pollinators into their own landscaping," Magliato said. "There are many plants at UMW that support pollinators, so the tour will help people understand how and which pollinators interact with each type of plant."

Magliato, who is studying biology and environmental science, will create the pollinator walk with UMW Landscape Director **Joni Wilson '00**. The walk will allow anyone walking on campus to learn about plants that are important to the region's pollinators. Marstel-Day, which is based in Fredericksburg, gave Magliato \$2,500 and is providing her with a project adviser.

Marstel-Day judges selected Magliato's project because of the importance and impact of pollinators. With pollinator populations declining, the plants Magliato chooses for the walk will raise awareness of the importance of the insects and birds and how people can help reverse the trend.



Maggie Magliato accepts the Marstel-Day Innovation in Environmental Stewardship Award.

Fourth Monroe Medal Awarded

University of Mary Washington awarded educator and community leader Gladys White Jordan its Monroe Medal in March. UMW has given only four such medals, which are among the university's most distinguished honors. The Monroe Medal recognizes individuals who in some extraordinary way have provided lasting service to humanity and society.

Jordan, a retired, award-winning teacher, has long ties to Mary Washington. As a girl, she worked alongside her parents at Brompton, then the home of Dorothy and Grellet C. Simpson, Mary Washington president from 1956 until 1974.

"My mother worked as a housekeeper for the Simpsons," the Stafford County native said. "I would help her when they had parties."

Born in 1938, Jordan came of age when Virginia's colleges and universities were segregated by race. She attended Virginia State College, where she earned a bachelor's and a master's degree. The Simpsons believed in her abilities and helped her with tuition.

In March, the Board of Visitors honored Jordan "in recognition of her perseverance to succeed in the face of discrimination and her lifelong commitment to education, social justice, and equal opportunity."

Jordan retired in 1996 after 35 years of teaching. She was named teacher of the year twice in Richmond, where she has lived since 1960. The NAACP honored her as an "unsung hero." The Franklin Military Academy, the first public military academy in the United States, where Jordan was among the first faculty members, named its chapter of the National Honor Society for her.

Jordan's nephew, **David White**, graduated from UMW in 1991.



Gladys White Jordan was awarded the fourth UMW Monroe Medal.

UMW Among Top in Technology, Value

The University of Mary Washington has been ranked 20th among "50 Most Technologically Advanced Small Colleges" by *The Best Colleges Online 2015*. In addition, the College Affordability Guide has recognized UMW as Virginia's most affordable college and rated 13 of its academic programs as the most affordable degrees in the country.

The Best Colleges Online ranked UMW, the only Virginia school on the list, using factors including technology awards, progressive science and technology degrees offered, and advanced campus technology offerings. UMW was recognized for the Hurley Convergence Center.

The College Affordability Guide looks at affordability for average- and low-income students and focuses on three factors: financial cost, opportunity cost including graduation rates and ability to repay loans, and program flexibility in ways students can earn credits. Academic programs recognized include biology, chemistry, computer science, economics, English, fine arts, foreign language, history, math, MBA programs, psychology, and sociology.



#HighFiveHurley!

President Richard V. Hurley has become known for high-fiving students as he passes them on campus, and as a president who doesn't pass an opportunity to promote the university. To honor his retirement, UMW planned a blowout high-five challenge: Break the Guinness World Record of 432 pairs of simultaneous jumping high-fives. A Guinness World Records judge planned to be at the William M. Anderson Center for the competition April 13, just as *UMW Magazine* went to press.

Before the April challenge, the record for the most people performing a jumping high-five simultaneously was set in June 2015 in London during a celebration of National Women in Engineering Day. A jumping high-five pairs two participants, who take a little leap while slapping palms. To make it simultaneous, all pairs of participants must perform the move within five seconds of a signal being given.

Thanks to the magic of the internet, you can check on the results at www.umw.edu/highfivehurley.



#HighFiveHurley
GUINNESS WORLD
RECORDS ATTEMPT



When it comes to breaking a Guinness World Record, UMW doesn't mess around! Here, from left, Mikey Barnes '17, Emily Hollingsworth '16, Corey Taylor '17, and Chris Markham '17 demonstrate the Guinness-approved form for a jumping high-five.

UMW Wins Regional World Geography Bowl

A team of five UMW geography students headed to Pensacola last fall and came back winners of the 2015 Southeastern Regional World Geography Bowl Competition.

Each year, a team represents UMW at the meeting of the Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers, which sponsors the competition. Virginia's undefeated team, which included UMW students and one Georgia State University graduate student, competed against seven other state teams. Teams must include students from more than one school, both genders, and graduate and undergraduate students. Many of the competitors in the bowl are graduate students, which makes UMW's performance especially noteworthy.

UMW students also present research and visit sites of interest to geographers at the annual meeting.

UMW's **Steven Fernando '16** was the second highest scorer overall and the highest scoring undergraduate

in the competition. As a result, he traveled to the national meeting of the American Association of Geographers in San Francisco in March to compete for the southeast division in the World Geography Bowl.



The winning team included, from left, Will Gatens '17, Summers Cleary '16, team coordinator and Associate Professor of Geography Joe Nicholas, Colin Cate '17, Steven Fernando '16, Phil Devine '16, Christine MacKrell '17, Andrew Berens of Georgia State University, and Clara Ludtke '17.

Caitie Finlayson



Women Take CAC Championship

The University of Mary Washington women's basketball team blazed through another stellar season, winning 24 games including the Capital Athletic Conference Championship.

Along the way, UMW head coach Deena Applebury earned her 300th career win. It was the Eagles' sixth CAC championship and the eighth trip to the NCAA Division III Tournament under Applebury, who has coached at UMW since 2003. The program has made 10 NCAA appearances altogether.

The Eagles advanced only through the first round of the NAAs, losing 67-56 to Maryville College of Tennessee in March. But the season saw some great moments for the UMW women, including hard-fought wins over conference rivals St. Mary's, Christopher Newport, and Marymount.



No. 14 Megan Green '16 goes for a shot against Christopher Newport with backing from No. 10 McKenzie Jenkins '19.

UMW Dedicates Rosner Arena



Longtime athletics benefactor Ron Rosner cuts the ribbon at the dedication of the arena named for him.

The arena in the William M. Anderson Center has a new name in honor of Ron Rosner, a Fredericksburg-area businessman and longtime benefactor of University of Mary Washington athletics.

The Ron Rosner Arena was officially named in December during a halftime ceremony at a men's basketball game. Rosner gave \$500,000 to fund the Ron Rosner Athletic Endowment, supporting UMW's student-athletes and the community.

Rosner is founder and chairman of the board of the Rosner Automotive Group, and he's long been a supporter of UMW and the community. At Mary Washington, he has sponsored lectures by National Geographic photographer Annie Griffiths and husband-and-wife journalists Jennifer Griffin of the Fox News Channel and Greg Myre of National Public Radio.

"The community has been so generous to me," Rosner said. "The University of Mary Washington is a great asset to the region and an integral part of the community. I hope my gift will help bolster the university's already strong athletics program."

UMW Director of Athletics Ken Tyler called Rosner's gift "transformative." "His generosity will provide significant opportunities to our student-athletes for many years to come," Tyler said.



The annual athletics gala benefits University of Mary Washington student-athletes.

Athletics Gala to Feature Wong

Jin Wong '97, assistant general manager of the World Series-winning Kansas City Royals, will speak at the third annual UMW Athletics Gala on May 19 at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center.

Wong, a business administration major and former All-American center fielder for Mary Washington, exemplifies UMW Athletics' mission for student-athlete excellence. *[Read more about Wong on page 41.]*

UMW President Richard V. Hurley, who is retiring in June, also will attend.

The event begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails and silent auction bidding; dinner and the program start at 7. A live auction will end the evening. Seats are \$130 each or \$1,000 for a table of 10. A portion of each ticket purchase is tax-deductible, and proceeds will benefit Mary Washington student-athletes. For information, contact Philip Pierce at 540/654-1153 or by email at ppierce@umw.edu.

Swimmers Go All-America

Two individual swimmers and a women's relay team earned All-America honors at the 2016 NCAA Division III Swimming Championships in Greensboro, North Carolina, in March.

Steph Hallock '16 came in 11th in the women's 50-yard freestyle and 15th in the 100-yard freestyle, earning All-America honors for both. **Dallas Tarkenton '17** achieved the status with an eighth-place finish in the men's 100-yard butterfly.

Hallock was on the women's 200-yard medley relay team, with teammates **Katie Fago '16**, **Hannah Hagy '16**, and **Anna Corley '17**. That team finished 13th, earning All-America honors.

UMW swimmer **Shannon Coryell '17** also competed in the invitation-only event in Greensboro.

Members of the All-American women's 200-yard medley relay team are, from left, Hannah Hagy, Anna Corley, Steph Hallock, and Katie Fago.

All-American Dallas Tarkenton at the 2016 NCAA Division III Swimming Championships is flanked by coaches Abby Brethauer and Dalton Herendeen.



Hooray for HUR

This time, Richard V. Hurley really is retiring. On June 30, he'll step down as the University of Mary Washington's ninth president, leaving an academic community thankful for his six years of approachable, forward-looking leadership.

In 2010, Rick Hurley was on the brink of retirement as UMW's chief financial officer, having served as acting president after the departure of the university's seventh president. Then UMW's eighth president resigned unexpectedly, and the Board of Visitors asked Hurley to take the reins.

He responded with enthusiasm and a solid commitment to the university and its people.

That commitment translated to big things: The construction of the William M. Anderson Center. The state-of-the-art information and technology facility now called the Hurley Convergence Center. The sparkling University Center at the heart of campus. And the Mary Washington First campaign that's closing in on a \$50 million fundraising target.

Hurley's commitment showed in small ways, too, and many of them are pictured on these pages.

There were the hot August days when he helped freshmen and their families haul belongings into dorm rooms. High-fives with proud graduates as they received their degrees. Alumni gatherings all over the country that reminded one-time students why their alma mater is still an educational gem. And earnest interactions with members of Virginia's General Assembly, the UMW Board of Visitors, faculty governance, and student leaders.

In its 2016 session, the General Assembly presented President Hurley with a joint resolution expressing admiration for his dedication to UMW students and his contributions spanning more than three decades in education. President Hurley, the assembly said, had "earned the respect of his peers for his transparency, collaborative leadership style, and responsiveness to the needs of students, faculty, and staff."

The outgoing president connected with the Mary Washington community, and he connected its members with one another. Thank you, President Hurley. UMW won't forget it.



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UMW TAKES A FOND LOOK BACK



Clockwise from upper left: President Hurley shares a laugh with graduate Jeremy Thompson '13 and lends a hand to a dad on move-in day. Good-luck messages adorn spirit rock during Hurley's inauguration weekend in 2011. At a Habitat for Humanity work project, students get some presidential help building picnic tables. Hurley dons a hard hat and safety vest to inspect the University Center construction site.



William J. Howell, speaker of the House of Delegates, ribs President Hurley as they pose for a photo at the Virginia General Assembly. Legislators had just commended Hurley for his service to UMW. Del. Mark Cole '93 stands next to Howell.



The annual Brompton ice cream social gives Hurley and new students the chance to get acquainted.



Many happy graduates swap high-fives with the president, but for this one only a bearhug will do.



Rose Hurley is the president's partner in life and at UMW, supporting the university and its people.

PUTTING MARY WASHINGTON FIRST

President Hurley never lost sight of his goal for UMW: That it be one of the nation's premier public liberal arts and sciences universities.

His term in office began just as the country emerged from a shattering economic recession, a time when public funds for higher education dwindled. College students and their parents were also affected, with fewer resources to channel toward tuition and expenses.

The five-year, \$50 million Mary Washington First campaign is vital to the future of UMW, helping students and faculty stretch to their fullest potential. Money raised allows the university to do things it otherwise couldn't: Extend more scholarships, endow more professorships, and enhance research and internship opportunities. As of mid-March, more than \$47.5 million had been raised with more than three months remaining in the campaign.

All of these help UMW attract high-caliber students and faculty, and position itself to keep improving well into the future.

Over the next several pages, you'll read about how the Mary Washington First campaign is already serving President Hurley's vision for UMW.

You'll read about students able to challenge themselves by studying abroad and by preparing themselves for top-notch graduate studies. You'll hear from some of the donors whose philanthropy makes such opportunities possible. Those generous alumni reflect not only on how Mary Washington shaped them, but what UMW can mean for today's students and for the world.

On pages 18 and 19, you'll see plans for the renovation and improvement of the beloved UMW Amphitheatre. The ceremonial kickoff of the construction phase of the project is scheduled for June 4 during UMW Reunion Weekend.

Finally, *UMW Magazine* hopes these stories will illustrate a sentiment expressed by President Hurley when the campaign was publicly launched in 2014.

"We're at a point now in our history at which philanthropic giving is going to push us into a better future, a stronger future," he said. "With the success of this campaign, UMW can accomplish great things."

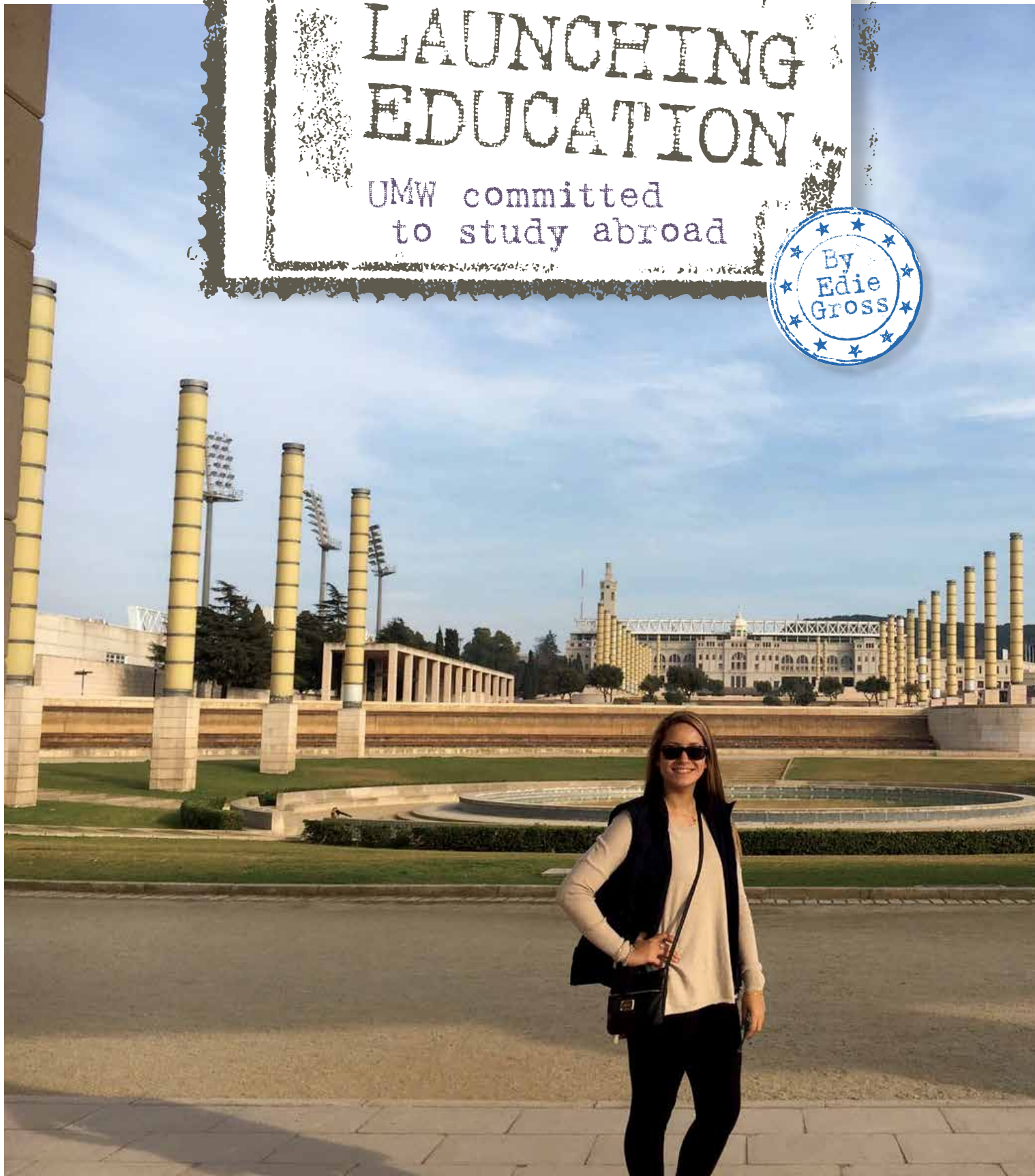


Hurley shares a story with alumni at a get-together in Charlottesville, top. Below, he and his office manager, Pamela Verbeck, reflect on the successful event that welcomed the 10th president, Troy Paino, to campus.



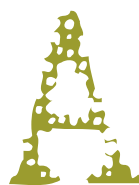
LAUNCHING EDUCATION

UMW committed
to study abroad





UMW's Aicha El Mahmoudi visited Barcelona's Olympic Stadium this winter.



Aicha El Mahmoudi '17 had plenty to adapt to during her first few days in Bilbao, Spain.

The six-hour time difference. A full course load of finance, marketing, and Spanish classes. Streets teeming with rapidly conversing pedestrians who walked everywhere and dressed to the nines, even on their way home from the gym.

But dinner each evening with her host family was perhaps the greatest challenge for the University of Mary Washington junior.

"I found myself not wanting to sit down to dinner with them because I couldn't understand what they were saying," said El Mahmoudi, whose Spanish-language skills were more suited to a Latin American dialect than the *euskara batua* spoken in the Basque Country.

That reluctance didn't last. Not long into her spring 2016 semester abroad, El Mahmoudi declared dinner conversation with her host family her favorite part of the experience so far.

"The first week was definitely hard. Everything was so different," said El Mahmoudi, who is studying abroad with support from UMW's Abbott International Study Scholarship. "But I came here for a reason.

"I had to get out of my comfort zone," she said via Skype from Bilbao, a grin spreading across her face. "Plus, the food's really good."

That's exactly the response **Martha "Marty" Abbott '72** was hoping for when she established the study-abroad scholarship in 2011, during the early days of the Mary Washington First fundraising campaign. Abbott, a Spanish major, spent her own junior year in Madrid and, when thinking about ways to support her alma mater, said she wanted to give today's students the same life-changing opportunity.

"That experience literally opened up my world and has had an impact on almost everything I've done since then. So I know firsthand what an important experience that is for our young people, and it's even more critical today than it was when I was a student in the '70s. We need to be able to interact with the rest of the world," said Abbott, a longtime educator who is now executive director of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. She holds a master's degree in Spanish linguistics from Georgetown University and was honored by UMW as a 2004 distinguished alumnus and the 2014 UMW educator in residence.

Like El Mahmoudi, Abbott struggled at first to communicate. Seven years of classroom Spanish hadn't prepared her for the first question her host mother asked: whether she preferred her green beans marinated in olive oil and vinegar or sautéed in garlic.

"I could conjugate every verb. I knew all the grammar, the

subjunctive case, but I didn't know what she was asking. I didn't know the word for green beans," said Abbott, who returned to Mary Washington a year later, fluent in Spanish and conversant in Spain's culture, literature, and arts. "Being outside your comfort zone is what needs to happen so you can feel comfortable outside your comfort zone. It's part of being globally competent."

According to the Institute of International Education, fewer than 10 percent of U.S. college students study abroad during their academic careers, despite research showing that the experience boosts grade-point averages, cultural and language proficiency, employability after graduation, and confidence.

Participation is significantly higher at UMW, where 28 to 30 percent of students will study abroad before graduation, said

Associate Professor of Spanish Jose Sainz, director of the Center for International Education (CIE). Of the roughly 300 students who travel abroad each year, Sainz said, about 20 receive UMW-backed scholarships, so cost still remains a barrier for many.

"When we talk to donors, the message is we just need to make this affordable for every student," Sainz said. "We're a 21st-century university. If our mission is to prepare students to be good citizens and global citizens, you can't play in your own sandbox. Our students are bound to be in the real world with people of different cultures, different religions, different backgrounds. We need to afford students the opportunity, the possibility, to see what the real world is really like."

Eynav Ovadia '16 couldn't agree more. She was born in California but moved to Israel when she was a teenager to live on a kibbutz founded by her grandfather. After finishing high school and two years of military service in Israel, Ovadia knew she wanted to return to the United States for college. She chose UMW in large part because of its study-abroad options, she said. The



Study in Spain took Marty Abbott '72 out of her comfort zone and changed her life.

"We're a 21st-century university. If our mission is to prepare students to be good citizens and global citizens, you can't play in your own sandbox."

- Jose Sainz



UMW art history majors James Stewart, Olivia Greco, Brianna Nieland, and Eynav Ovadia mimic the Four Tetrarchs at St. Mark's Basilica in Venice.



school offers more than 100 programs, ranging from weeklong faculty-led excursions to yearlong journeys, where students can conduct research, pursue internships, and earn academic credit.

Ovadia spent half of her junior year in Italy after signing up for three back-to-back programs, ending with a semester in Florence, where she immersed herself in Italian culture and art while interning at a modern art gallery. The Pauline Grace King Study Abroad Scholarship in Art History helped Ovadia afford the trip.

"I'm paying for college myself, so any scholarship is a blessing," said Ovadia, who returned to UMW with 24 academic credits, a well-worn museum pass, and the inspiration for her senior thesis on Botticelli's Venus paintings. In fact, during spring break this year, she planned a trip to London to examine some of Botticelli's drawings at the British Museum.

Alumnae **Lynda S. White '71**, **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom '61**, and **Judy Youngman Wigton '61** wanted to help students do just that when in 2012 they established the scholarship to honor **Pauline Grace King '37**, the late art history professor who had so affected their lives.

"All of us agree it is important for students to travel to see artworks up close," White told UMW. "Slides are great, but it is dynamite to actually see a painting or sculpture in person."

Ovadia credits the trip to Italy with motivating her to pursue a doctorate in art history and ultimately to teach. Now a peer adviser at the CIE, she enjoys sharing her experiences with other students considering study abroad.

"I tell them to look at it as an adventure and a growing period," said Ovadia, whose apartment in Florence was only blocks from Michelangelo's church and Ghiberti's workshop.

"There's nothing quite like looking at art and architecture *in situ*, seeing it in person, looking at a Botticelli in person and being like . . ." she says, pausing with her mouth agape. "You have



Lynda S. White and two classmates wanted to help art history students see artwork up close.

no other reaction. It's just amazing. It's like history hits you smack in the face. It's exciting and breathtaking and overwhelming, and it becomes so much more tangible."

El Mahmoudi said she's determined to pack as much into her experience as she can. She's already traveled to Barcelona with friends for a long weekend and to the south of France with her classmates, and she had a trip to Madrid planned for March.

"It's such a rich culture here. I'm in such awe and shock all day. We're trying to go everywhere and see everything, but there's not enough time – and not enough money," she said, laughing.

Born in Morocco, El Mahmoudi moved to Virginia with her parents and siblings when she was 9. The first in her family to attend college, El Mahmoudi said she was determined to scrape together the funds to study abroad.

"I didn't know what the costs were. When I actually sat down and did all the math, I thought, 'There's no way I can cover this myself,'" El Mahmoudi recalled. "I was willing to take out a loan and come here, but the Abbott scholarship helped out a lot."

She's taking classes toward her business major, polishing her foreign language skills, and gaining some independence, she said. During spring break, she planned to take some of her new friends to Morocco to meet extended family members.

"It's my first time being without my family and fully immersed in a culture, its traditions, and its language. I FaceTime with my friends every day, and I'm like, 'You *have* to travel,'" she said. "You just learn a lot. You have to budget your own money. You have to exercise discipline. It teaches you to be on your own."

Abbott said she's thrilled when scholarship recipients like El Mahmoudi savor the experience as much as she did.

"Some of the letters I've gotten could've been written by me," she said. "What I have really enjoyed is how much they've embraced the culture, embraced the language, the curiosity they have, their interest and excitement. That's exactly how I felt." 🏠

Investing in STUDENTS

Scholarships attract and reward top scholars

By Neva Trenis '00



Psychology student **Jenny Freud '16**, left, had long known she wanted to go to graduate school. She applied to 11 – fewer than the recommended dozen – and was invited to interview at five. But costs rose quickly with application fees, cross-country flights, food, lodging, and the requisite professional outfit.

So when she learned that she had received the James C. '87 and Deborah S. Llewellyn Scholarship in Psychology, she was thrilled. And relieved.

"I'm so thankful to the Llewellyns for doing this," the inaugural recipient said. "There are so many of us [students] who are benefiting from the generosity of alumni."

The Llewellyn psychology scholarship is a result of the Mary Washington First campaign, which began in 2011 and is well on its way to the \$50 million goal before it ends this summer. Rising sophomore, junior, and senior psychology majors with a minimum 3.0 GPA are eligible to apply for the aid.

Deborah and **James Llewellyn '87**, both high-level human resources professionals, endowed the scholarship in appreciation of the critical thinking, research, and communication skills James honed under Mary Washington psychology professors. "You could feel their passion for the topics," he said of such teachers as Associate Professor Debra Steckler, Associate Professor Steve Hampton, and the late Professor Christopher "Topher" Bill. "It was just a terrific experience."

At graduate school – he earned a master's degree in psychology from Old Dominion University in 1989 – Llewellyn realized his UMW professors' teaching and rigorous standards had given him an edge over his peers. And the payoff has continued throughout his career.

"I give a lot of credit to what I learned at Mary Washington, to the skills and the competence it gave me," he said. "And the confidence."

Like James Llewellyn, Jenny Freud is leaving Mary Washington ready for whatever comes next. She felt fortunate to be offered grad school interviews, and she said she's got her fingers crossed that she'll be accepted. But she's got more than luck to rely on.

"I do have experience on my side," the Ashburn, Virginia, native said. "I think UMW gives us experience in research that not a lot of schools do."

The straight-A student gets credit for hard work and long hours from people like Assistant Professor of Psychological Science Laura Wilson.

Wilson, who studies trauma and sexual assault, had lots of juniors apply to do senior research with her last year. Freud was among the four she chose.

The student team proposed conducting a meta-analysis of sexual victimization. That meant reading 1,400 previously published journal articles on sexual assault, combining the data, and using statistics to summarize it.

Wilson and her colleagues were "blown away" by the specialized and difficult project Freud and her team completed. Their findings deserve to be in a top-level trauma journal, Wilson said, and she plans to have the team submit it for peer review. The four planned to present their findings in April at the Virginia Association for Psychological Science conference and at UMW's end-of-year Psi Chi Symposium, the capstone of UMW psychology's undergraduate research program.

Freud brought passion to her work that Wilson rarely observes in undergraduates. "You can see that Jenny is excited to do something meaningful that goes beyond the classroom," she said.

Freud is co-president of the UMW chapter of Psi Chi, an international psychology honor society. The chapter does service projects and sponsors the Psi Chi Symposium, where presenters must be ready to defend their findings not only to their peers, but also to their professors. "Students get professional practice that they will need in graduate school or whatever they do next," Freud said.

Off campus, Freud worked as a research assistant at the University of Maryland Center for Addictions, Personality, and Emotion Research. She supported clients in a Baltimore-based pilot study to help them stop smoking, and she assessed whether the method the program used was effective.

When she returned to Fredericksburg and full-time class work, Freud continued data analysis for the Maryland project, and she is coordinating with her supervisor there to publish original research. She also completed an internship assisting with substance abuse treatment at Lighthouse Counseling of Fredericksburg.

Freud has packed the last four years with classes, research, service, and clinical experiences to help reach her goal of graduate study of how addiction and sexual violence intersect.

"It helps that I'm really passionate about this," she said. "I'm fortunate to have found something that I really love."

For top performers like Freud, Wilson said, scholarships give financial relief and more. They give undergraduates the confidence to reach higher than they ever thought they could.

"I love seeing good students rewarded for their work, because it almost lights a fire under them," Wilson said. "The more Jenny realizes that she is on track, the more she is recognized for that. I think she is going to have an amazing career." 🏡

Scholarship Success

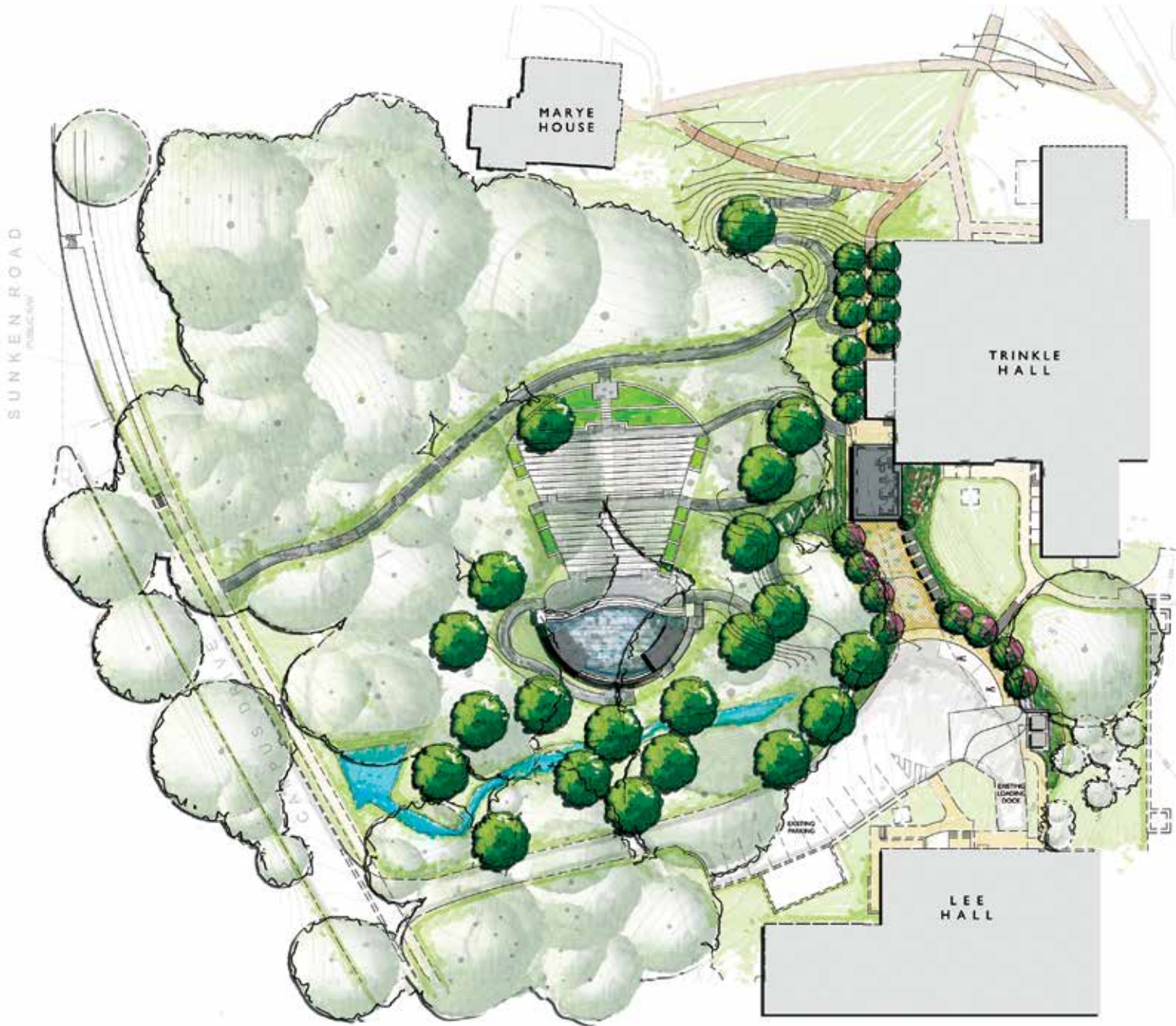
For years, UMW has maintained highly competitive tuition while providing students a superior academic value. *UMW Magazine* is not the only source saying so: rankings institutions – *Kiplinger's*, *US News*, and *Princeton Review* among them – have placed UMW among the best academic values in the United States.

The Mary Washington First campaign began in 2011, four years after the start of the Great Recession, when state budgets for higher education had been slashed across the nation. Virginia was hit especially hard: According to the Center on Budget and Policy, the commonwealth's 2015 funding for public colleges and universities remained nearly 25 percent below pre-2008 figures. In that period, the average Virginia public college tuition rose nearly \$3,000.

Since the Mary Washington First campaign began, generous donors have created or pledged to fund more than 80 new UMW scholarships. That advances one of the top goals of the campaign: Increase student support while strengthening the university's ability to attract top-level students.

Donors recognized that private funding is essential to continuing the academic excellence enjoyed by generations of UMW graduates, said Torre Meringolo, vice president for Advancement and University Relations. "We are heartened by the extraordinary support for student scholarships during this campaign," he said. "Because they provide direct support for our students, these scholarships provide an incredible legacy for our donors."

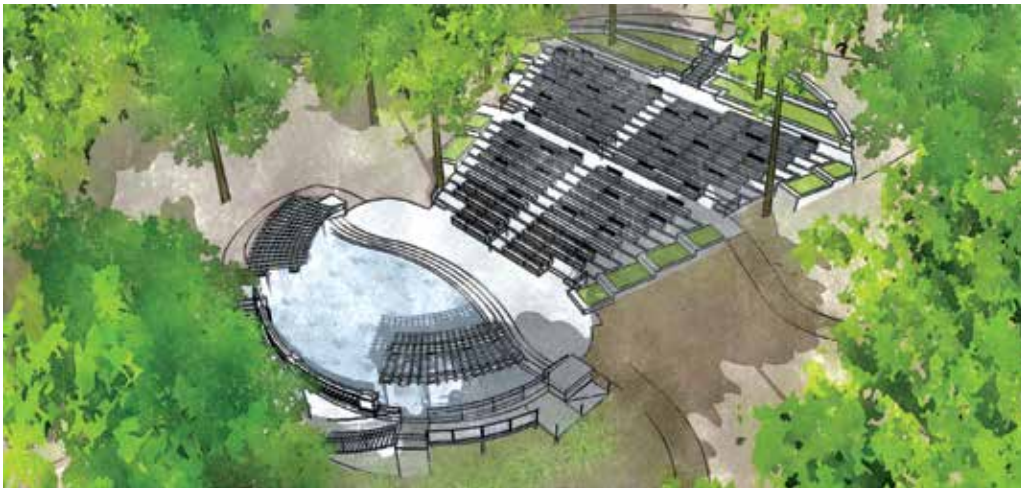
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Amphitheatre Kickoff Ceremony June 4

One of the tangible signs of the success of the Mary Washington First campaign is the amphitheatre renovation and improvement project. The \$3 million effort was supported by Donald B. and **Josephine McPherson Heslep '56**, who pledged \$1.25 million, Robert S. and **Alice Andrews Jepson '64**, who pledged \$1 million, and other generous donors. These architectural plans show the stage restored to its 1953 appearance, when the grove was a center of campus life. The seating will mimic an earlier era – about 1923 – in harmony with the wooded site and national preservation standards.



New, accessible pathways of stabilized granite and aggregate will blend with the natural setting. The site will be lighted by a combination of inconspicuous path lighting fixtures and standard campus lampposts. A level aisle across the center of the seating area will allow wheelchair access.



Terraces of groundcover along the seating area will be available for picnicking and small group meetings. Concrete benches will provide seating, but not all will have backs so small groups, like classes, can gather easily.



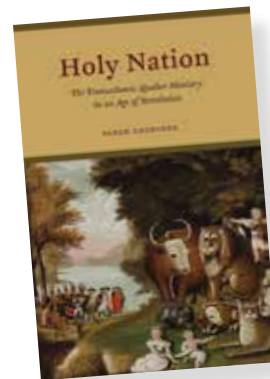
Books by UMW alumni

Holy Nation: The Transatlantic Quaker Ministry in an Age of Revolution

By Sarah Crabtree '01, assistant professor of history at San Francisco State University

Early American Quakers have long been perceived as retiring separatists, but in *Holy Nation*, Sarah Crabtree transforms our historical understanding of the sect by drawing on the sermons, diaries, and correspondence of Quakers themselves. Situating Quakerism within the larger intellectual and religious undercurrents of the Atlantic World, Crabtree shows how Quakers forged a paradoxical sense of their place in the world as militant warriors fighting for peace.

– University of Chicago, July 2015



A Want of Vigilance: The Bristoe Station Campaign, October 9-19, 1863

By Bill Backus '10 and Robert Orrison

In the months after Gettysburg, Gen. Robert E. Lee looked for the chance to strike out at Maj. Gen. George Gordon Meade. The authors trace a game of cat and mouse between the armies' camps around Orange and Culpeper northwest through the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and along the Orange & Alexandria Railroad to Centreville and back. Last stop: Bristoe Station.

– Savas Beatie, October 2015



Paddle Tails: Reflections on People and Dogs Who Find Balance on the Water

By Maria Christina Schultz, M.Ed. '11, and Lisa Chinn Marvashti '92

Drawn from interviews with dog owners who love to get out on the water with their pets, this collection of stories explores the bond that develops between dog and paddler. The authors traveled from New York to Florida to catch up with boxers and pit bulls, Labradors and shepherds, who paddle, canoe, kayak, and fish with their humans and through that offer emotional support.

– Amazon CreateSpace, March 2016

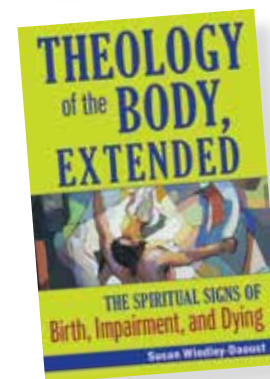


Theology of the Body, Extended: The Spiritual Signs of Birth, Impairment, and Dying

By Susan Windley-Daoust '89, associate professor of theology at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota

Windley-Daoust – enthusiast of the theology of John Paul II, spiritual director, mother of five, and assistant professor of theology at St. Mary's University of Minnesota – extends the theology of the body to what it means to be human during the experiences of child-birth, impairment, and dying. The book took first place in the “best book by a small publisher” category in the 2015 Catholic Press Association Book Awards.

– Lectio Publishing, April 2014

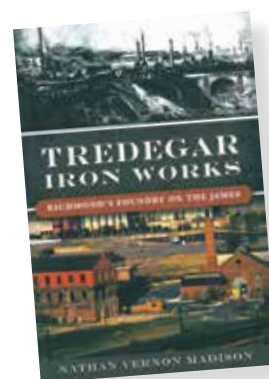


Tredegar Iron Works: Richmond's Foundry on the James

By Nathan Vernon Madison '08

The Tredegar Iron Works in Richmond, Virginia, produced ordnance during five wars and helped build the railroads that spread across the nation in the Gilded Age. Madison uses primary sources and firsthand accounts to chronicle the industrial behemoth's history from 1837 to closure in 1957.

– *The History Press, November 2015*



Books by UMW faculty

Disability in Comic Books and Graphic Narratives

Edited by Chris Foss, UMW professor of English; Zach Whalen, UMW associate professor of English; and Jonathan Gray, associate professor of English at John Jay College CUNY

The editors present a range of graphic narratives and representations of disability in comics to illustrate both the positive and negative aspects of the genre. The collected essays show how comics perpetuate the objectification and marginalization of persons with disabilities but also the medium's potential for transforming our understanding of disability.

– *Palgrave Macmillan UK, March 2016*



Gendered Crossings: Women and Migration in the Spanish Empire

By Allyson M. Poska, UMW professor of history

Gendered Crossings follows nearly 2,000 peasants – half of them women and girls – transported by the Spanish Crown from northern Spain to South America in an ill-fated scheme to colonize Patagonia. The story begins in the late 1870s as the colonists trudge across northern Spain to volunteer and as they sail the Atlantic to Montevideo. The Crown abandons the project, and the peasants gradually integrate into colonial society in towns outside of Buenos Aires and Montevideo.

– *University of New Mexico Press, February 2016*



Islands of Protest: Japanese Literature From Okinawa

Edited by Steve Rabson, UMW adjunct instructor of classics, philosophy, and religion; and Davinder L. Bhowmik, associate professor of Japanese at the University of Washington

This anthology of critically acclaimed modern and contemporary works in English includes poetry, fiction, and drama. The selections draw on Okinawa's culture and subtropical natural environment to convey the emotions and tensions of everyday life. *Islands of Protest* offers a compelling entrée into a complex culture, one marked by wartime decimation, relentless discrimination, and fierce resistance, yet often overshadowed by Japan's clichéd mass-media depictions of a gentle Okinawa.

– *Hawaii University Press, March 2016*





Give It Your Best Shot

This 1964 photo is of members of the Matthew Fontaine Maury Science Club of Mary Washington College. We know about the club's namesake – a 19th-century naval officer, oceanographer, and Fredericksburg native who sailed around the globe. But we know nothing about the aspiring scientists pictured here.

If you think you can identify any of them, please tell us! Go online to magazine.umw.edu and click "Get the Picture" to leave a comment.

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You Got It!

Linda Tucker Weaver '68 and **Donna Sheehan Gladis '68** recognized one of their classmates, psychology major **Frances "Franny" Scavullo '68**, pictured selling pumpkins on Lee Hall patio in the fall/winter 2015 issue of *UMW Magazine*. No one identified the woman on the right. If you know her, please get in touch with us.

A big thank you to Linda and Donna for helping us. We use the information from this column to identify those pictured in the Centennial Image Collection, part of the UMW digital collections, "Archives @ UMW." To see more images from Mary Washington history, go to archive.umw.edu and choose "The Centennial Image Collection."



Boston-area alumni volunteer at a Cradles to Crayons event to help low-income children.



Professor of Mathematics Keith Mellinger, on guitar, and the Fall Line Bluegrass Band perform at an alumni event.



Elizabeth Carter '16, center, celebrates with friends at the December graduate reception.



Alumni and guests in the Southern California Alumni Network enjoy a tour and tasting at the Societe Brewery in San Diego.



Members of the Philadelphia Alumni Network start 2016 with a social gathering.



Libby Baker MBA '15 and Kyle Allwine '12, MBA '15, enjoy a January event in Fredericksburg.

There's still time!

If your class year ends in 1 or 6, come to Reunion Weekend. It's Friday, June 3, through Sunday, June 5.

Look for details online at alumni.umw.edu/reunionweekend.

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The Oscar H. Darter Scholarship in History established by the Class of 1940 had a value of \$120,766 as of June 30, 2015. History majors **Mareta Bailey**, **Dana Baumgartner**, **Kimberly Humphries**, and **Maximilian Starr** received scholarships.

1941

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The Mildred McMurtry Bolling Memorial Scholarship had a value of \$99,576 as of June 30, 2015. **Molly Wholihan '19** of Olney, Maryland, received a scholarship.

1942

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The Class of 1942 Scholarship in Business Administration in Memory of James Harvey Dodd had a value of \$84,299 as of June 30, 2015. **Autumn Coakley '16**, a business major from Fredericksburg, Virginia, received a scholarship.

1943

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The Class of 1943 Scholarship in Memory of Levin J. Houston III had a value of \$37,302 as of June 30, 2015. **Jose Berenguel-Araujo '19** of Arlington, Virginia, received a scholarship.

1944

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Elizabeth Cumby Murray is still

enjoying Nantucket. She plays bridge four times a week. Two of her children manage Murray's Toggery now. She was to have Thanksgiving with her daughter and family.

Mary Ellen Gardner Starkey lives in Maryland and has a helper.

I'm still cruising along, but I use a walker if I go any distance. My son is staying with me. We went to the annual USS *New York* reunion, in

Phyllis Quimby Anderson '44 went to the annual USS *New York* reunion and toured the Pentagon.

Virginia this year, and we toured the Pentagon. We visited family in New Jersey. I have five great-grandchildren there, one in Virginia, and one in Germany. I play bridge once a week. My son and I do Meals on Wheels once a month.

Anna Austin Ware shared sad news of the death of **Elizabeth "Libby" Phillips Roe** in September. She had given MWC a huge gift during her college years.

Isabel Hildrup Klein was living with her daughter.

The Class of 1944 Memorial Scholarship had a value of \$298,955 as of June 30, 2015. Scholarship recipients include **Arriana Taylor-Roy '16**, **Stephanie Buckler '17**, **Sarah Rodgers '17**, **Kimberly McFarland '18**, and **Nolan Perugini '18**.

1945

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The Class of 1945 Memorial Scholarship had a value of \$20,218 as of June 30, 2015. **Danielle Holzhauer '16's** scholarship was renewed.

1946

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The Class of 1946 Scholarship had a value of \$54,958 as of June 30, 2015. Art history and museum studies major **Eynav Ovadia '16's** scholarship was renewed.

1947

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Margaret Thatcher Brigham appreciates receiving the *UMW Magazine* and all the news about what is going on. She doesn't see much about the class of '47. The names of those she can remember who would have graduated in '47 are **Mary James Hayes**, **Roony Barton**, **Betty Proctor Groseclose**, **Anne Hendricks**, and **Doris Jean McCullough Alford**. Doris was

from Elmira, New York. They all lived at Mrs. Haupt's house off campus, but within walking distance.

Her sophomore year, Margaret was in Virginia Hall and Mrs. Bushnell was the house mother. Her roommates were **Donna Lipman** and **Nancy Poehlmann Colwell '46**. Her favorite subject was horseback riding, and she was inducted into the Hoofprints Club. She was also in the cavalry.

While getting ready for an event, her horse slipped on a rock and she wound up with a slight concussion and a skinned face. After she recovered it was spring and she knew she would not return the following year. She was smitten by the love bug early in her sophomore year, and she says her grades reflected that. She was married Oct. 5, 1945. Margaret and her husband were married for 51 years. They had three children. All graduated from college and are successful in their careers. They have 10 grandchildren. Margaret writes, "That's my story. I'm pushing 93 years in June. ... If, by chance, you remember me, let me know."

1948

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The **Ellen Alvey Montllor '48** Scholarship had a value of \$56,794 as of June 30, 2015. Recipients are **Meghan Fens '18**, **Justin Ford '18**, and **Courtney Sullivan '19**.

1949

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As we begin another new year, we look back at 2015 to report our classmates' news. Sorrowfully, the year-end list of classmates known to have passed away during the year totaled 12. Seven were reported in last issue's Class Notes; five are memorialized below.

Mary Jane Porter passed away in late March at her home in Stafford County after a lengthy illness. She majored in history at Mary Washington, then taught for more than 30 years. She earned three master's degrees, including one in library science, and later worked as a librarian. She loved to travel and had made several trips to Europe. Mary was a lifetime member of St. William of York Catholic Church and also a member of the Republican Women's Club in Stafford.

Kathryn Ann Carter of Warrenton, our former suitemate, passed away peacefully in April, one month short of her 87th birthday. Kathy earned a history degree and was a teacher and guidance counselor in Fauquier County public schools. Kathy also served on the Warrenton Town Council from 1984 to 1994 and earned a reputation for her no-nonsense style and for asking tough questions.

That triggers a fond memory: In the fall of 1948, Kathy was a staunch Democrat who supported incumbent President Harry Truman in the race against Thomas Dewey.

Let us hear from you!

Deadlines for submissions
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- For fall/winter issue:
June 15, 2016
- For spring/summer issue:
Dec. 1, 2016

The late **Erminia “Ermine” Ubaldi Kauer Despit ’49** left the UMW Foundation a surprise bequest from her estate, designated to the chemistry department.

Late on election night, no winner had been declared as we dutifully obeyed “lights out!” The next day as we emerged from our first classes in Chandler, Kathy cut across campus to share the news she’d just heard, shouting “Truman won! Truman won!” That was Kathy.

And this is Kathy, too: In her obituary, in lieu of flowers, Kathy requested, “You do something nice for someone else.”

Faithful correspondent **Jean “Murph” Murphy Baptist** passed away in August at her home in Martinsville, three months shy of her 87th birthday. Jean was a music major, a piano student of Levin Houston III, a member of the MWC marching band, and a member of Mu Phi Epsilon, the honorary music society. She was the widow of Daniel Mason Baptist and is survived by a daughter and two sons.

Also in August, **Judith “Judy” Ayers Rabbe**, 86, died at Bayleigh Chase in Easton, Maryland, with her family by her side. At Mary Washington, she earned a degree in English. She married Raymond Rabbe in 1954 and taught elementary school until deciding to stay at home to take care of her family. She was a member of Christ Episcopal Church and is survived by her husband, a son, and two daughters.

And **Bettie Anne Ginn Osborne**, 88, died peacefully in November, surrounded by her family at the Hermitage at Cedarfield in Richmond, Virginia. After her marriage to William Osborne in 1974 and moving to Chatham, New Jersey, she became an active volunteer. She was preceded in death by her husband and is survived by two daughters and two stepdaughters.

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We also appreciate **Erminia “Ermine” Ubaldi Kauer Despit**, who died in April 2014 in Lexington, Virginia. In 2015, the UMW Foundation received a surprise bequest from her estate designated to the chemistry department in recognition of her undergraduate major. A note from Ermine’s brother, Carmel Ubaldi, read: “My sister always attributed her success in life to her faith and the excellent education she received at what was then Mary Washington College.” After receiving her degree in chemistry at MWC, Ermine earned

Harriet “Scotty” Scott Brockenbrough ’49
fulfilled her dream of cruising around the San Juan Islands to watch whales.

a master’s degree in library science from Columbia University. She worked for Dupont/Westinghouse in South Carolina as a technical librarian, researching literature for atomic energy scientists until her retirement in 1995.

We are more than grateful for the unfailing help from our longtime friend and former director of alumni affairs, **Cynthia “Cindy” Snyder ’75**, whose expertise produced the obituaries for this report.

From year-end cards and messages, we learned that **Harriet “Scotty” Scott Brockenbrough** continued her penchant for traveling. During a week with son Scott and his family in Seattle, she fulfilled her dream of cruising around the San Juan Islands to watch whales. She went to Yorktown in October for the annual reunion with four high school friends, and the *Eastern Shore News* ran a front-page article about the continuous reunions. Harriet visited Onancock in mid-November for the Wine and Oyster Festival at Chatham, her original home, now restored as a vineyard and winery. She was accompanied by three of her sons and her grandson. On that trip she visited **Elizabeth “Liz” Barnes Hornsby**, who was making progress

with speech therapy. Harriet came down with pneumonia two days before Christmas, but as the New Year arrived she was finishing her meds and hoping to get back to full speed. That’s our Scotty!

Also in Mechanicsville, **Elva Tate Hasher** sent her greetings, thankful for having “made it another year.” Elva’s daughter Anne and her husband gave her a 90th birthday party in May, which Elva said wore her out. She still volunteers at the local hospital one afternoon each week. If Elva is our eldest classmate, we believe **Dolores “Dee” May Ross** is our youngest. Dee was only 15 when she arrived at MWC, turning 16 the following month. In 2014, she hosted an 85th birthday celebration at her club for 143 friends. This past year, she had a pre-Christmas luncheon for 60 friends.

Barbara Trimm Wright has courageously endured more than two years of double-vision resulting from an aneurysm and surgery. She is behind the wheel again for trips around town. Barbara said when she gets up each morning, she gets her paper at the back door, then checks her computer for emails. She keeps in touch with several classmates, especially **Alta Towe Fogelgren**, **Gladys Riddle Whitesides**, and **Helen Lowe Eliason ’48**. Helen, Barbara, and Gladys were roommates for our junior year, sharing a corner room in Ball. Barbara reports that Alta and her husband live in Virginia Beach. Gladys suffered a stroke late last year but is back home with no side effects. Helen sold her husband’s beautiful, big family home and moved into an assisted living facility, which is ideal for her.

Joyce Hamilton Eisler and Joe enjoy life at their retirement community in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, and feel blessed to have good health. Joyce attached a picture of herself during her 88th birthday

party and also a picture of their youngest great-granddaughter, Leila, who turned 1 in September. Joyce keeps in touch with **Margaret “Peggy” Walton Mason**. In her own email, Peggy asked that we include her best wishes to all. She is well and has lived in the same home in Bethesda, Maryland, since 1957. She is active with church, volunteering, bridge, and women’s and book clubs. She enjoys her growing family, with another “great” due in April. She added, “I often think of the good old days at MWC.”

Kathryn “K.D.” Wright Drake said her husband has had health issues in the past few years, but now they are both well and he plays golf twice a week. K.D. said they like their living arrangements since they downsized and sold their house. Holiday Retirement in Chattanooga, Tennessee, is an independent facility; they still have cars and come and go as they like, adding “at our ages and stages, it’s great for us.” Their son lives nearby and checks on them daily. He retired last year, so he and their daughter in Atlanta coordinate things for them. K.D. said, “We just sit back and let them tell us what to do ... and enjoy it!”

Anne McCaskill Libis and husband Claude are involved in their retirement community at Glen Meadows in Glen Arm, Maryland. Anne leads a monthly hike despite arthritis in her back. They enjoyed a trip to Banner Elk, North Carolina, where a friend drove them up on Roan Mountain for a breathtaking view of the Southern Appalachians. In October, they flew to Charleston, South Carolina, for the McCaskill gathering.

Kathryn “Kate” Mayo Schmidt’s Christmas message was brief, saying she still was recovering from Thanksgiving with 14 family and friends at her farm near Palestine, Texas, and was looking forward to a peaceful Christmas with her friends. **Mary Elwang Sharpley** said she’s fine, staying busy with church activities and the many events offered at The Colonnade in Charlottesville. She sees **Barbara Westerman Newlon** often.

Elva Tate Hasher ’49 celebrated her 90th birthday last May and continued to volunteer weekly at a local hospital.



Elizabeth "Betty" Fischer Gore '49 moved to a 135-resident retirement community in Fairfax, Virginia, near three of her children.

Elizabeth "Betty" Fischer Gore relocated last March to the Woodlands retirement community in Fairfax, Virginia. It has only 135 residents, and Betty is making friends. She enjoys the pool, outings and activities, and delicious dinners she does not have to prepare! Three of her children live nearby, with one daughter in North Carolina.

Charlotte "Chot" Baylis Rexon also was brief in her holiday greeting, referring to her and Fred's hospitalization of last Christmastime by saying, "It's so good to be home this year!" Her best friend, and ours, **Betty Bond Heller Nichols**, was equally happy to return to her home for Christmas after her own illness. She began feeling unwell in August, was hospitalized, and eventually began dialysis, which continues three days a week. Our bubbly B.B. was determined to get back to work and return to the retirement center in mid-January to play for the residents' weekly sing-along. Betty Bond still doesn't know what caused her trauma, but says one of her favorite expressions is: "Life is what happens to you

The visit gave Conni and June a chance to get together at Neiman Marcus for a lovely luncheon on Christmas Eve. The family left the morning after Christmas to drive to Georgia for a week's stay. **Norah Pitts Byrnes** joined Conni and Curtis in Atlanta for breakfast.

Conni planned to visit son Tony and his family in Los Angeles in February, with the possibility of relocating there, as she and Bonar had lived and worked in that city for many years before moving to Toronto.

The Class of 1949 Scholarship endowment had a value of \$55,687 as of June 30, 2015. **Elizabeth Hardy '19** of Baker City, Oregon, received a scholarship.

As ever, love to all of you.

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[Editor's note: Longtime class agent Dorothy Held Gawley submitted these notes in winter. We're sorry to report that she passed away Feb. 3,

June 2015 that led to a broken wrist and 2½ weeks of tender care in her health care facility. Daughter Judy visited from Phoenix in August, and they drove to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. They saw *The Lost Colony* and toured the Elizabethan Gardens. They had a wonderful Thanksgiving with Judy and her son, David, from Atlanta.

I was sorry to receive a phone call from **Peggy Penn Hutchens'** husband, Tom, that Peggy is in a nursing facility in their Florida retirement village.

Nan Riley Pointer's great-grandchildren are well. Carrington, 7, and Addie, 4, are live wires. Gabriel, 12, and Zoe, 6, live in Portugal. Nan enjoyed their visit last Christmas. This year Nan and Joe cruised to Hawaii and later from Copenhagen to St. Petersburg.

Garland Dorsey McCarthy belongs

Washington, D.C., area, and retired after a 35-year career, then moved to Arizona (near family) in 2011 after the death of his wife of 59 years. Last year Tom was interviewed by a high school historical studies program that records the stories of military veterans in coordination with the U.S. Library of Congress.

Tom reported that his former neighbor **Ruth Ann McWhorter '48** (wife of Hugh Stevens) died in 2014.

1951

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Louise Davis Hume was sorry to hear that **Rosie Bell Morris** passed away. Classmates enjoyed her company at our 50th reunion.

Lindy and Louise still live in the house they built with hand tools in

Patti Head Ferguson '50 was planning a long cruise to Easter Island, Bora Bora, and New Guinea.

to two book clubs in Humble, Texas, and still participates in water aerobics.

Helen Hopkins Timberlake of Ponte Vedra, Florida, spent a lot of time traveling back and forth to Ormond Beach, Florida, where they were redoing son Glen's house. Helen enjoyed a surprise visit from President Hurley and his wife, Rose. They were charming. UMW will surely miss them when they leave.

Virginia "Ginny" Hardy Vance misses her friends and former activities. She lives in an assisted living facility in Tallahassee, Florida, and has had trouble with her eyesight recently. She knits hats and quilts for several shelters.

I was sorry to hear from **Connie Metzger Verlander** of Longwood, Florida, that her husband passed away.

It was good to receive cards from **Anne Osbourne Cox**, **Carol Bailey Miller**, **Ruth Maynard Nuhn**, and the late **Shirley Cole Schleter's** son, Chris Schleter.

Tom Augherton, president of the MWC Veterans' Club, was one of the veterans who enrolled after World War II. He lived in the

1958. At 90, Lindy has age-related problems but can do his usual chores. Louise is in fairly good shape, can still drive, and manages the housework although hampered by chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Daughter Jeff is an editor in Falls Church, Virginia. Son Ed is creative services manager at Edison in Los Angeles. He has a son in design in Miami and a daughter working at the Library of Congress.

Louise uses research skills she learned as a history major at MWC, and she has written and desktop published several family history books for relatives. She sews and makes bobbin lace, teaches bobbin lacemaking, and is president of the local lace guild. She looks forward to our 65th reunion.

1952

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Britten Beauvoix's book *The Question: What Makes You Feel Loved* describes the three R's of love: how to recognize, receive, and re-create it. It includes the answers of people ages 7 to 101 from all over

Nan Riley Pointer '50 and her husband cruised to Hawaii and later from Copenhagen to St. Petersburg.

while you're making other plans!"

Corinne "Conni" Conley Stuart visited sister **Jayne Conley Bailey '45** in Tennessee for several days in September after not having seen each other for many years. Sadly, Jayne passed away in early December.

Conni attended the opening of *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer – The Musical* at Toronto's Prince of Wales Theatre, a stage production of the animated TV show. Conni was one of the original voices for the film and was invited to an opening night party in December. Conni accepted son Curtis and family's invitation to spend Christmas with them in St. Louis, this being the first Christmas without Bonar, her husband of 64 years.

2016, and we offer condolences to her family and friends.]

Betty Gavett Breeden moved to the Villa Retirement Center in San Diego, California. Two days after she got there she was playing the piano for a weekly general worship service. She was part of a group of carolers at Christmas and was appointed chaplain of the resident council's meeting.

Patti Head Ferguson spent the holidays atop a hillside home with a distant view of the Sea of Cortez, where they planned to swim with family. Upon return to Santa Fe she was packing up again for a long cruise to Easter Island, Bora Bora, and New Guinea.

Gerry Boswell Griffin had a fall in

the world. Britten thinks we need more love in the world and wants the three R's of love to become part of school curriculum.

1953

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Charlotte Fisher Klapproth was looking forward to visiting with her daughter and two dogs before another round of doctor visits for a thyroid problem and constant fatigue. She wrote, "at least we're on this side of the grass!"

Joan Darden made my day. She wrote, "I am obediently reporting that I am alive. Am still kicking the gluteus maximus of some golfers occasionally! Just playing at my club and a few state events ... and it's still fun!" Besides being on bowling and co-ed pool teams and playing duplicate bridge, Joan said she does what she pleases when she pleases,

knew she had gone to college with Hettie, who, with then-husband LeRoi Jones (later known as Amiri Baraka, who died in 2014) was at the heart of the Beat movement. Mary Margaret called Hettie and learned that she is still working and teaching at the New School in Manhattan, and she is writing a book to come out next fall. Hettie's two daughters both are graduates of Yale and on staff at Columbia University. Hettie also said her suitemate **Linda Johnson** died many years ago.

Mary Margaret's family got together in September, and even their 1-year-old great-granddaughter came from Arizona. Mary Margaret and George traveled to Maine and spent a weekend in Philadelphia, where they saw Pope Francis.

After spending a lot of time trying to sell The Dance Shop and comfort my customers who didn't want me to leave, I am finally out. Our local newspaper and television station celebrated my 40 years in business, for which I am grateful. I am sort of at loose ends, but I hope something will come up to keep me as young as The Dance Shop did. This old gal ain't done yet! Have a glass of wine for the '55ers.

Ann Chilton Power '56 got to meet the president at the White House at son Tom's retirement.

including sipping wine.

Patricia Seitz Hartel and Art spent a wonderful week in Halifax, Canada, in early September with longtime travel friends. Patricia sells and lists real estate in Wayne, Pennsylvania, and Art practices law. They see their four grandchildren every now and again.

Joan Kleinknecht is on the board of a local hospital, collects handmade prayer shawls, supports a special-needs school at another hospital, tutors young children, and reads to children ages 2 to 6 at the Gaelic American Club.

The library where **Mary Margaret Papstein Carter** works asked her to speak about **Hettie Cohen Jones** to celebrate The National Poetry Festival. Her colleagues

1956

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Thank goodness for **Hermie Gross Fox**, a loyal correspondent. She took son John Fox and family to Washington last April while the cherry trees were in bloom, and they visited Arlington National Cemetery, where Hermie's parents are buried. Hermie and her sister, Peg, cruised from Berlin to Prague, and later they planned to visit the River Walk in San Antonio. Hermie attended the wedding of granddaughter Taylor Fox and visited daughter Jenny Graham and family for Christmas in Houston. Grandson Preston Fox received a scholarship to Pace University and started in fall 2015.

Mary Montague Sykes '57 produced a novel in 2015, *Evening of the Dragonfly*.

My son Tom has been with the U.S. Office of Science and Technology Policy in the current administration. Upon his retirement from that position, I met the president in the Oval Office as he thanked Tom for his service. Visiting the White House on a personal basis is quite an experience. I spent Christmas in Des Moines again with Ted and his family. Keep in touch!

1957

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Many thanks to **Joan Callahan Frankhauser**, who so ably served as our class agent for so long. I plan to serve for only two years, and I want you to be ready to volunteer next time.

Ellen Hertz Hewitt is learning bridge and French, and she and husband Charlie plan to visit Newport, Rhode Island, this year. **Elizabeth "Libby" Fordham** wrote of her grand-nephew, who is playing tennis in Fredericksburg. **Florence "Foncie" Lawrence Williamson** is living in Raleigh, North Carolina, at Sunrise Senior Living. **Katherine "Kay" Nelson Richardson** is at Lakewood Manor Retirement Community in Henrico, enjoying classes, entertainment, and friendly people.

Deane Ford Rook lost her first husband some time back and is now married to Navy Capt. Clark Rook. She has homes in Tucson and Pensacola, and she'd love to get an alum chapter going in the latter area.

Author and painter **Mary Montague Sykes** produced a novel in 2015, *Evening of the Dragonfly*. She taught "Painting Like Georgia O'Keeffe" at several locations and plans more classes in 2016. Her art is exhibited in Richmond, Williamsburg, and South Carolina.

Barbara Craft Grantz and **Helen Grantz Fortner** have special family ties, seeing each other's children

when their own live far away. At Christmas, Barbara visited her son in California. Barbara and husband Walt went on an archaeology trip last fall with their daughter to Israel and Petra. Barbara and Walt visited Patagonia and Buenos Aires, where Walt was born and lived as a child.

Cliff and I visited Chile and cruised from there around the cape to Argentina, making several stops. I especially enjoyed making the acquaintance of some penguins.

1958

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Julia Harris Porter spent nine months in 1967 in Australia, and she returned there with her three sisters briefly in November 2015. They visited a first cousin, saw the Great Barrier Reef and, after Cairns, spent a week in Sydney.

In August 2015, **Carol Lehmann** traveled to Oxford, England, for her third Michigan State University Odyssey to Oxford. Her garden club is planning a trip to the Cotswolds to visit gardens.

Frances Karins Updike and husband Bud have moved permanently to the Sarasota area on the west coast of Florida, where they swim and bike, and Frances paints. Roommates **Jerry Sample Stocks** and **Carol Ann La Salle McMahon Roberts** and their husbands visit each February.

In June 2015, **Fay Parke Cantrell** and husband Alex took a cruise down the Rhine River and next they plan to go to Barcelona. Fay volunteers and grows flowers for hospice patients. Alex raises golden retrievers.

Jerry Sample Stocks works part time as an assistant art teacher at Holy Trinity Classical School. **Elinor Runge Vitek** and Brant are still in Annandale, Virginia, and planned a February trip to Aruba.

Lucinda West Preston shared that

Loretta Hutchings Tate '58 retired after 20 years working for U.S. Sen. John Warner.



her sister, **Cynthia West Benney**, passed away from cancer on Sept. 24, 2015. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you, Lucy.

Judy Townsend Bainbridge enjoys Elderhostel programs, including one last year in Iowa on utopian communities and a second in Maryland on the Chesapeake.

Loretta Hutchings Tate retired after 20 years working for U.S. Senator John Warner, and she said she loved every minute in the Senate office. She lives in Virginia Beach in the assisted living wing of Atlantic Shores Retirement

Chatham, Illinois, to be near John Karl and his family. John has a pace-maker and can get dialysis at home now. **Molly Bradshaw Clark** visited Jane in May. Molly was in India in February and took her granddaughter to Paris in April.

Jane reported the unexpected death of **JoNeal Hendricks Scully**, who had sold her Charlottesville home and moved to Richmond to be near son Sean and family.

Ann Brooks Coutsubinas had surgery after a fall that left her with a broken shoulder and wrist. Thank goodness Anastasia had

Buchanan, Catherine Deshman Crandall, and I attended the memorial service in Richmond at St. John's Church, where Emily was baptized, confirmed, and married. She was buried in West Point beside her son, Stephen. Dodie and Dale's Christmas note mentioned the death of Ed Lee, **Dianna Treshman Lee's** husband.

Martha Spilman Clark and Paul are retired but still have monthly get-togethers in Lima, Peru, for their Scripture Union "abandoned boys," now adults. Son Billy is developing a Scripture Union in Ecuador, Colombia, and Bolivia.

Frances "Bunky" Bourke Lirth plans to take her annual trip to Chapel Hill in June to see her mother, who is 101. Two of Bunky and Roger's children are married, but three are still fancy free.

Gary and **Marcia Phipps Ireland** took a trip up the Danube from Budapest to Prague.

Celeste Shipman Kaufman and Alan traveled to Florida, California, Louisiana, North Carolina, Mississippi, and Texas, where grandson Austin is pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Texas. Grandson Luckie graduated from LSU this year, and their youngest grandchild will start college in the fall. Grandson Smylie received his PGA card and won the Las Vegas tour in October, so he will play in the Masters and other tournaments.

Audubon Naturalist Society, where she was named volunteer of the year.

Barbara Barndt Mieler and husband Wayne Seeley spent the winter in their cabin in New York. Daughter Ann surprised them with a March visit for Barbara's 80th. Barbara made a quick May trip to Pennsylvania for the Devon Horse Show. She and Wayne traveled to Ithaca, New York, and later with Ann to Ocean City, New Jersey.

Eleanor Markham Old's husband, Arthur, wrote that grandsons Parker and Tyler continue at Savannah College of Art and Design. Arthur visits North Carolina and Leesburg and attends plays and Elderstudy at UMW, Civil War Roundtable, and much more.

Anne Launders Spilman, Bob, their three children, and their grandchildren are fine. **Sally Steinmet** sings in a college choir and a church choir, and she takes yoga. She had a grand time at her 60th high school reunion.

Charlotte Wohlneck Wiggs and Archie's granddaughter Molly graduated from MIT in June; granddaughter Anna is a freshman at Mason High School in Ohio; and grandson Alan and his wife continue their education in Raleigh. Charlotte and Archie traveled to Machu Picchu, Iguazu Falls, Easter Island, and France, and took a Mediterranean cruise.

Mary Massey '59 has been hiking almost 45 years and was volunteer of the year for the Audubon Naturalist Society.

Community. She enjoys her three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and keeping up with **Mary Virginia Garrett Wadsworth**, **Sara Daly Rothenberger**, and **Frances Ferguson Rowan**.

Kay Martin Britto traveled to Paris with her 18-year-old grandson, attended the wedding of her oldest grandson in Richmond, and had a visit from MWC roommate **Anne dePorry McGrath**.

Mary Lou Morris Wolsey and husband Wayne took an Atlantic coastal cruise, visiting places including Spain, the Isle of Guernsey, and Normandy. They met Julie and David Eisenhower when David spoke at the D-Day 60th anniversary ceremony in June. Mary Lou coordinates the website of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French. Son Roger is a Methodist minister, and daughter Carole works in special education.

For me, 2015 had its ups and downs. The owner of my apartment building suggested that I move from a second- to a first-floor apartment to save steps, which I did. Two of my cats died, and my position at BHS ended, so I "retired," and now I am finding myself.

1959

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Jane Tucker Broadbrooks and John are happy with their move to

made the move to Ann's and was there to help. Ann has finally recuperated and is substituting again. **Phyllis Hartleb Rowley** wrote of a two-month cruise from the Mediterranean to Norway last summer.

Irene Piscopo Rodgers wrote of the loss of **Joyce Kirby Erlandsen** of Connecticut in April. A retired teacher, Joyce had three children and eight grandchildren. She enjoyed skiing and bridge, and she volunteered as a driver for people with special needs.

Kay Rowe Hayes, Irene, and I met at Kay's home in Warrenton in spring 2015 for a slumber party. We talked for hours with an amazing view of rolling hills and the companionship of Kay's Rottweiler, who thought she was one of the girls! Irene had plans to travel to Argentina, Paris, and the South of France.

Dorothea "Dodie" Reeder Hruby and Dale made their move from Burke to Patriots Colony in Williamsburg, Virginia, in February. They are near daughter Taya in Suffolk and Liz in Fort Bliss; granddaughter Mariah is a sophomore at Christopher Newport University. Dodie and Dale went to grandson Nate's graduation from the Air Force Academy in Colorado and stopped over in Dallas to see son Dale II and his wife, Kristen.

Emily Babb Carpenter succumbed to cancer in April. Dodie, **Kay Rowe Hayes**, **Jane Howard**

Martha Spilman Clark '59 and Paul have monthly get-togethers in Lima, Peru, for their Scripture Union "abandoned boys," now adults.

Julia Coates Littlefield is happy her sister, Lucy, has returned to Lexington after 40 years. Grandson Jack graduated in 2015 from U.Va. and works at a market consulting firm in Charlottesville. Grandson Chris, a fifth-grader, excels in basketball and football. And granddaughter Mary, 7, is a budding artist and ballerina.

Mary Massey and husband Jack Meiners went to Walla Walla, Washington, in 2015 for Jack's family picnic, and they attended the biennial Appalachian Trail Conference near Winchester. Mary has been hiking almost 45 years and has volunteered 25 years at the

Gifts to the Class of 1959 Endowment totaled \$900 and the endowment had a value of \$151,948 as of June 30, 2015. The endowment supports the annual Research and Creativity Day symposium held each April.

Let us hear from you!

Deadlines for submissions to class agents:

- For fall/winter issue: June 15, 2016
- For spring/summer issue: Dec. 1, 2016

Martha Butler Leibowitz '60 and her daughter spent time last year in Scotland.

Lucas, the man in my life, is in first grade, reads well, and enjoys learning. He is getting so tall – another Tom?

I'm thinking about who can have a mini-reunion in 2016. We are part of the 1908 Society, so we can attend Reunion Weekend any time.

1960

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From Karen: **Sherry Farrington Green** feels blessed with good health (well, 77-year-old health, which is somewhat of an oxymoron). She continues to love her work in midwifery, still fences several times a week, and is still able to travel.

Bonnie Davis Hall completed her treatments for breast cancer in October. She thanked us for our prayers, cards, and encouragement. By now, she should be enjoying rides in the sidecar of Ross' bright-red vintage motorcycle.

The Class of '60 proves the saying that old age is not for sissies. **Jean Eubanks Holland** has recovered from two knee replacements and cataract surgeries. She feels fortunate she was able to recuperate at her Bethany Beach home.

Pat Vought Grine, a nursing student who transferred to U.Va., is in a memory-care facility in Tennessee near her daughter. **Margie Saunders Howell** endured a botched hip replacement two years ago and now has arthritis in both hips. She uses a handy four-pronged cane to get around. She sings in her church choir and volunteers as a lay chaplain, offering a bereavement group at a nearby women's prison.

Betty Ditmars Prosser had surprise open-heart surgery in July. Her health has improved tremendously, so she can spend more time with her teen grandsons.

Joyce Larrick Casey attended an alumni brunch and met the most wonderful recent graduates of UMW. **Pat Voelker Donnell** had a

summer gathering with all four of her children.

Twin grandchildren have arrived into **Penny Engle Burkhardt's** family. She has taken a nonfiction creative writing course, and she and Brad were planning an April cruise on the Seine River.

Liz Hill Heaney has moved from North Carolina to Barnegat, New Jersey, to be close to family. **Sue Smith Goodrick** took a cruise along the Elbe.

Jan Latven Allnutt and suitemates **Joey Van Tol Goetz**, **Susan Cramer Drouin**, and **Betty Bruce Shepard**

Marcia Minton Keech '61 and Bill have explored Savannah, Georgia, history with Jerri Barden Perkins.

continued their annual get-togethers with a visit to Joey's "territory" in Florida for four days in October.

Gaye Roberts Olsen enjoys life in her Boise apartment, and with her power chair gets out often. **Iris Hall Newton** sends greetings from Fredericksburg, and **Jane Denslow McCrohan** writes that she and Ed are enjoying life.

Martha Butler Leibowitz and her daughter spent time last year in Scotland with her granddaughter, who did her junior year of college in Edinburgh. Her other granddaughter has graduated from the University of Texas and is teaching in Philadelphia.

Sandy Poole and Barb are enjoying life together, but both are saddened by the death of Barb's mentor. **Ellie deVebre Becker** spent her birthday this year in Fredericksburg, with her daughter's family. She visited Willard Hall and said it is like the day we first walked in. **Nancy Deiss** and Bill have traveled to Europe, Florida, and North Carolina, and to Texas for Thanksgiving. They have nine grandchildren.

Natalie Robins Lehmann-Haupt has completed a biography of social critic Diana Trilling and expects it to be published in 2016. She and her husband recently

celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a California visit to family. **Sally Brown VanDuyne** keeps busy with an exercise class, belongs to several clubs, and has joined a new church.

Rose Bennett Gilbert visited Greece with friends from Denmark and London. **Joyce Neill Krost** spends time in Spain with her sister's family and paints while she is there.

Jody Campbell Close has been learning about Irish genealogy and teaches genealogy to groups including the Boy Scouts. In October, Jody attended a mini reunion in a mansion on Sarasota Bay with colleagues from Korea days.

My family [Karen] enjoyed summer days in the Arizona high country,

grandchildren, ages 9 to 15, and attends basketball, soccer, and volleyball games. In September, she traveled to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, and spent a week with childhood friends.

Bev Carlson Shea of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, took Ecky (Eric, her daughter Heather's son who lives in California) to her son Dan's house at the Jersey shore so that he could say he had been in the Atlantic Ocean. Dan has two elementary school-age children, Katherine and Jack.

Clara Sue Durden Ashley says family and friends were thrilled to see her son Andrew on national TV during the Benghazi hearings. Andrew is the military legislative assistant to Rep. Martha Robey of Alabama, so he sat in on the hearings when Hillary Clinton was questioned.

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Ellen Grumbly de Gail**, whose granddaughter Nicole passed away at age 25 on Oct. 18, 2015.

Dee Doran Cairns and Doug moved in August from Montgomery, Alabama, to San Antonio, Texas, where they are living in the Army Residence Community. They plan to come to our reunion in June. Son Rob and family are now living at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, after 11 years in Naples, Italy. Dee and Doug went there for Thanksgiving and squeezed in a visit with us here in Wilmington, North Carolina. Meanwhile, Dee's roomie and Doug's sister, **Patty Cairns Hourin**, and Jim are still in Diamondhead, Mississippi, where Patty stays busy with tennis, golf, and church. In April they buried Patty's mom, Doris, at Arlington National Cemetery alongside husbands Bugs, Red, and Neil. They went on a "won't do that one again" cruise from New Orleans to Cozumel. They plan to be at our 55th, as do Andy and I.

We spent a week in the Outer Banks in August and took trips in November to Washington, D.C., and Wilmington, Delaware, to see friends including **Barbie Upson**

and my team won first place in the Juniper Ridge Olympics in July. In September my husband and I celebrated our 55th anniversary with a party for 25 friends.

1961

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Please send news to the designated class agent according to the first letter of your maiden name.

From Connie: Since moving to Venice, Florida, about 18 years ago, **Judi Early Bidwick** and her husband have volunteered for the Coast Guard. They taught safe boating classes, inspected vessels, and performed search and rescue. They spend three months in Ocean City, Maryland, in the summer.

Carolyn Barnette Wright lives in Pembroke Pines, Florida. She spends time with her five

Elizabeth "Bitsy" Wright Coxie '61 visited the Dordogne region of France and enjoyed its architecture and history.



Welch and Chuck. Barbie is a regular yoga practitioner now.

From Renee: We're sad to report the passing of **Lynn McCarthy** on Oct. 23, 2015, in Frankfort, Kentucky. She was an avid reader, gardener, bird-watcher, and University of Kentucky basketball fan. For 11 years, Lynn delved into genealogy, so much so that she developed her own genealogy research business when she retired after 30 years serving the commonwealth of Kentucky. Lynn was witty, kind, and a most dedicated friend. Her close friend **Becky Young-Butler Guy** wrote a lovely memorial of Lynn that will be sent separately to classmates.

In 2015, **Mary Hatcher** visited London, Amsterdam, and Sonoma Valley, California, where she sampled fine wines. 2016 promised a trip to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, in February to go snowshoeing and see Yellowstone in the snow. Mary hoped to visit her MWC roomie **Kathy Byoram Whaley** in Copperas Cove, Texas, and to have lunch with **Connie Booth Logothetis**.

Marcia Minton Keech and Bill have explored Savannah, Georgia, history with **Jerri Barden Perkins** and attended exhibits and lectures at the Telfair Museum, whose benefactors include the Jepsons. Gari Melchers was the museum's fine arts adviser from 1906 to 1916. Marcia's granddaughter **Hallie Spitzer '19** is a freshman at UMW, and Hallie's twin, Taylor Elizabeth, hopes to attend. Another family member, **Matt Rowlett '19**, is also a UMW freshman.

Judy LaRoe Hare enjoys helping people create beautiful living spaces as a designer and flooring specialist in Alpharetta, Georgia.

Sarah Leigh Kinberg lives in Stockton, California. In September she traveled to Wales for a cruise around the British Isles and to France. Her daughter lives in Gibles, France, in a manor house they are renovating. Sarah visited with two former exchange students. Sarah and Tom plan to come to our reunion!

I'm enjoying UCLA Extension classes for people over 50. I'm taking astronomy and cosmology, current events, a writing class, and a class on the golden age of television. I'll start teaching my Constitution class in the summer. I'm planning a trip to Australia (I've always wanted

Beverley Sulpice Persell '62 continues to teach French at George Mason Lifelong Learning Center.

to go) with a former colleague in the city attorney's office.

From Lynne: Sandy and I took a delightful trip to Paris and Normandy in October, then spent two weeks in Florida in November. We also visited my ailing sister in Dallas. Dick, **Ann Hopkins Burroughs'** widower, visited us for a week before Thanksgiving. I hope those of you visiting New York will be in touch with me.

Janie Riles and hubby Jim Dietz were planning to cruise to Fort Lauderdale from San Diego in late December and early January. She has enjoyed teaching art in San Diego.

Eleanore Saunders Sunderland visited **Linda Taylor Drustrup**, her MWC roomie, and traveled to visit a friend in Mystic, Connecticut. Sadly, her younger sister, Patience, passed away in July 2015, two years after the death of Eleanore's twin sister and our classmate **Judith Saunders Slifer**. Eleanore remains active, walking often and visiting the farmers market in Falls Church, Virginia. She spent Thanksgiving with family at her son's home in Cincinnati, where he is a Russian history professor.

Pat Scott Peck was to have both knees replaced so she can enjoy our 55th reunion in June. She plans to drive from San Antonio to D.C. in late May in time to meet **Carolyn Crum Pannu**, who will be her roomie at the UMW reunion (just like freshman year). Pat hopes to spend the summer in Calais, Maine, on the Canadian border.

Elizabeth "Bitsy" Wright Coxe visited the Dordogne region of France, where some maternal ancestors lived, and enjoyed its Romanesque churches, picturesque medieval villages, castles, painted caves, and traces of human activity since prehistoric times. She and George plan to attend our 55th.

Jean Ryan Farrell and Frank sent greetings from a vacation in Cozumel, Mexico. They were expecting their children for the holidays – Bobby's family from Singapore and David's from Madrid. Their eldest son, Frank

Jr., lives in Atlanta. Jean planned to visit **Matte McCeney Campbell** in November in Atlanta and **Babs Buse Johnson** in Florida in February.

1962

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We have some sad news. **Noel Sipple** lost her 98-year-old mother just around holiday time. We also extend our sympathy to the family of **Ethel Hill**, who died in 2014. Ethel's sister recently responded to a letter from **Joan Akers Rothgeb**. This is a reminder to leave information about where our families should send such news: UMW Office of Alumni Relations, 1119 Hanover Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401.

Kathleen Sprenkle Lisagor recently called suitemate **Beverley Sulpice Persell** upon hearing that **Beverley** and **Bob** had lost son **Bobby** to cancer. He was a Citadel graduate, a Marine, and U.S. air marshal, leaving a wife and two

Arlene Drescher Wilson '63 saves "volunteer" trees that would otherwise be mowed or discarded.

children. **Bev** has taken 17 classes to France through the years and continues to teach French at George Mason Lifelong Learning Center along with her husband, who teaches history.

Heartfelt sympathy is also extended to Kathleen's cousin **Patricia Sprenkle Davis '65**, who in the same week lost her younger sister to cancer and her husband, a Marine she met at UMW, to complications from Agent Orange.

In upbeat news, **Joyce Wilborn Lacy** and husband **Lou** were expecting their ninth grandchild. **Pat**

Mackey Taylor was planning a trip to Rome, and **Nancy Powell Sykes** was moving to The Chesapeake in Newport News.

Betsy Williams Brothers, Reba Calvert Bayliss, Marsha Arlott Wooster, Lynda Puckett Howell, and Liz Kennedy Thomas Slate spent a week in June at the Brothers' cottage in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, sunning and planning a fall trip to California. In October they traveled to Santa Barbara, Carmel, San Francisco, and more. You can read more about the California trip in the online version of class notes. It sounds like a wonderful MWC gals get-together!

The Class of 1962 Scholarship endowment had a value of \$38,489 as of June 30, 2015. **Georgiana Silva '18's** scholarship was renewed for this year.

1963

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From Betsy: **Diane Lovewell Melton** met with **Bev Sangston, Lois Smith McDaniel, and Kitty Shannon** in D.C. for brunch and to see *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*. In August, Diane and husband Howard took a river cruise through Bordeaux. Then they went on a U.Va. trip to Oxford, England, studying Jefferson's trips through

England and the architecture he saw.

Nancy Slonim Aronie is still teaching writing on Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. She's offering her Jumpstart Your Memoir course free to Mary Washington alumni. I can attest that this is an encouraging

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and inspiring course, and of course Nancy is funny, wise, and entertaining!

Arlene Drescher Wilson facilitates two meditation groups in Nashville, paints abstracts, and saves “volunteer” trees that sprout spontaneously from seeds or acorns and are usually mowed or discarded. She digs them up and pots them until they can survive in a garden.

Bev Bird Miller gives tours at the Jimmy Carter Museum and Library in Atlanta, and she and Paul deliver Meals on Wheels. They have visited friends in the D.C. area several

Nantucket whaler.

Nancy Lee Leidy gets together with **Betsy Chamberlain Hartz** and **Sally Tarrant Bernert** whenever they can.

My freshman roomie, **Mary A. Settle Johnson**, wrote at Christmas that son Ben's family adopted a 2-year-old boy from China in March. Mary A. stayed with granddaughters Reese, 8, and Riley-Kate, 5, while Ben and his wife went through the adoption process. We extend sympathies to Mary A., who lost her brother this year.

Susan Orebaugh Nicholson '64 celebrated the 20th year of syndication for her food column, “7-Day Menu Planner.”

times this year.

I was delighted to run into **Lois Smith McDaniel** and her husband at the Adirondack Museum at Blue Mountain Lake, New York, in September. Husband Pete and I were staying at Hemlock Hall, where we had last stayed in 1971! Lois and Howard were on a photography tour from their home in Virginia. I babysit my 1-year-old twin grandsons and get together with daughters Kate and Sara and their families, who live near Seattle. My mother passed away in July at 97. I facilitate webinars and professional development in character education for teachers. Two highlights this year for me have been meeting in person Virtues Project facilitators from Kenya, whom I had met online, and knowing that an online course I developed was useful for women in war-torn Burundi.

From Linkey: **Linda Gulnac Steelman** of Nantucket, Massachusetts, and husband Bill continue to walk 10 to 20 miles per week. The big news for the island was the December opening of Ron Howard's movie *In the Heart of the Sea*, based on the true story of a

Jeanne Chabot Wallis and husband Wally go to Florida for several months each winter. Jeanne is an avid golfer.

In May, I became president of the Carlisle Branch of AAUW. My poodle/Irish setter mix, Mr. MacDoodle, and I have begun serving as a pet therapy team for Celtic Hospice. Mac and I still perform with the Steppin' Woofs Canine Freestyle Dance group, and David and I (and standard poodle Maggie) are still involved with Dog Scouts.

A number of us keep in touch on Facebook, including **Patsy Ballou Hindman**, **Karen Vandevanter Morrison**, **Betsy Lytle Smith**, **Gloria Moskowitz Fischel**, **Carol Vanness Clapp**, **Barbara Brown Sherrill**, and **Barbara Scherberger Offerman**. I also keep up with **Rosalie Moyer Schwarz** via her husband Gene's Facebook page. I've organized a Facebook page for our class: *Mary Washington Class of 1963*.

1964

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Patti Jones Schacht and **Ilona Dulaski** are on Facebook, and it's great to keep in touch with them. Patti and husband Richard celebrated their 18th anniversary and between them have 17 grandchildren and five children.

Ilona and other actors presented a

reading of *Moving Bodies* by Arthur Giron at the National Academy of Sciences last fall. A trip to Venice (where they had glorious, dry weather) was a highlight of a very busy fall.

Sally Crenshaw Witt sent news of the arrival of Lewis Witt, Sally and Sam's newest grandson. He has a big brother, Henry.

Melinda Watterson Thiesing and husband John were married in the fall of 2012 and live in Miami, Ohio. Both were widowed and grew up in Miami, where Melinda was friends with John's mother and sister. Melinda would love to find her freshman and sophomore roommates, **Francine Zuzzolo Taylor** and **Martha Jean Moore Townsend**.

Susan Orebaugh Nicholson celebrated her 20th year of syndication for her food column, “7-Day Menu Planner,” which runs in newspapers and online. She and **Bronnie Jones Polk** celebrated 50 years of being registered dietitian nutritionists in 2015. Both were foods and nutrition majors in the former Home Economics Department. Susan's travels took her to Colombia in April, and Normandy and Paris in October.

I am in my 23rd year working at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich, Connecticut. Two years

Carolyn Shockey Moore, and **Sue Wooldridge Rosser**. After spending Christmas with my daughter's family here in Atlanta, I traveled to Germany (for my fifth trip in two years) to visit with my son and his family for the New Year. **Ann Moser Garner** and her sister took an eight-day bus trip to Ontario including a train ride through the Agawa Canyon. They hiked to the falls and surrounding area and enjoyed German food at the Lake Shore Resort of Salzburger Hof in Batchawana Bay.

Suzanne Mason Haff and her husband celebrated their 46th anniversary in 2015. They met in grad school at U.Va. They have two children, one grandchild, and another grandchild on the way. **Joyce Ward Dunn** was elected mayor of Carolina Shores, North Carolina, in the fall of 2015. She knits with a group of women, serves on her HOA board, plays mah-jongg, and is a guardian ad litem. She plans a trip to Hawaii this summer with her sons and their families.

Bobby Barrett Crisp lives in Fredericksburg and still enjoys UMW. **Jan Yates Berls** and **Dick** celebrated their 50th anniversary last June. They revisited places where they had lived in England and Switzerland, where they rented a chalet and enjoyed the spectacular Alps.

Joyce Ward Dunn '65 was elected mayor of Carolina Shores, North Carolina, in fall 2015.

ago they made me an honorary alumna. Last summer I led a tour of Paris and Burgundy for faculty and staff. We visited the places where our Sacred Heart schools were founded and the birthplace of the founder of our religious order.

Let's hope, please, for a peaceful 2016.

1965

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If you are not getting news updates from me, it's because you are not on the mailing list. If you want to be, please email me and I'll add you!

This fall I got together in Louisville, Kentucky, for the horse races with classmates **Linda Cline Holden**,

Alice Funkhouser Flowers' husband, George, had a tough year medically but is back to teaching courses online, and Alice was able to return to work. I've had sad news from two of our classmates. **Susan Cutler Oertel** wrote that her husband died in November from cancer. **Pat Sprengle Davis'** husband, Ron, died in September after a long illness. Classmates **Lee Henry Madley** died in May and **MaryLou Skeeter Murray** died in September.

1966

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Barbara “Bobbi” Bishop Mann is on the planning committee for our 50th reunion. In October, Bobbi

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Ann Kales Lindblom '66 and Steve sailed their yacht Bravo from Alexandria, Virginia, to Fort Pierce, Florida, via the Intracoastal Waterway.

organized a meeting of the MW Lunch Bunch at La Petite Auberge in downtown Fredericksburg, joined by **Anne Clagett, Jana Privette Usry, Carolyn Eldred, Joan Cuccias Patton, Caroline Hoagland Stone Rupp, Lois Rucker Scott, and Dianne Twiggs Woodworth**. Carolyn recently moved from Silver Spring, Maryland, to an active-adult community in Fredericksburg; Jana sings in a select group in Richmond, mediates cases for the courts, and works on our reunion committee; and Dianne misses her 4-year-old grandson, who moved with his parents to North Carolina.

Caroline married Allan Rupp on Oct. 17 in Reston, Virginia. After an Alaskan cruise and time in Cape Hatteras, she and Allan will spend most of the year in Reston and enjoy Caroline's Florida home during the winter.

Lois took her family to Colonial Williamsburg before she underwent back surgery. Husband Sam retired from 45 years of medical practice, so he was a wonderful caregiver. Daughter Holly also flew in from California. In August, Lois and Sam went to their Delaware beach house and spent a record three weeks.

Joan traveled in Italy, Portugal, and France. She joined high school classmates in the Outer Banks and spent Christmas at home with family, including grandchildren ages 7 to 14. She also visited with **Lee Enos Kelly**.

Kitty Downs Gregg and Don drove east from Denver, Colorado, in October. Their first stop was Arlington, Virginia, to see their son's apartment in the building Kitty had lived in right after graduation. They drove to Mooresville, North Carolina, to visit Don and **Terry Caruthers** on the shores of Lake Norman. Kitty's next trip will be to our reunion.

Terry set a goal for herself after our 45th reunion to publish a book before our 50th, and she published *Benny Tales* last fall. It's a collection of stories named for her father, a colorful character in business

and public service in Monterey, Virginia.

Ann Kales Lindblom and Steve sailed their yacht Bravo from Alexandria, Virginia, to Fort Pierce, Florida, via the Intracoastal Waterway, with stops in Norfolk, Virginia; Charleston, South Carolina; and St. Augustine, Florida. They returned home for Christmas with family.

Yvonne March and Chris Ferree were married in July after 18 years of courtship. For her 70th birthday in January, Yvonne was surprised with a fiesta at the Tampa Marriott with friends and family from Maryland, Ohio, Miami, and Puerto Rico. Yvonne and her sister spent a couple of weeks with a niece in Bolivia, then went to Canada. Yvonne and Chris also visited children in Ohio, Florida, and Georgia.

Linda Glynn Hutchinson '66 and Pat Lewars Pace '66 traveled last fall in South Africa, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, and Botswana.

Susan Roth Nurin entertained a succession of houseguests last summer in her New York apartment overlooking Central Park. She volunteers aiding the opera, tourists, and the elderly.

Cathe Cantwell Luria and husband Eric rented out their house in Gig Harbor, Washington, and rented a home for six months in Ajijic, Mexico, near Guadalajara. Their daughter and three grandchildren joined them for Christmas.

Mary Kathryn Rowell Horner and Charlie traveled to Colchester, England, and Normandy, France, where Charlie's father had landed with the first wave on D-Day. In December, they retreated to their Florida hideout, returning to Virginia in April. Mary Kathryn would NOT miss our red-letter reunion in June!

Susan Hanes Chaney and Bill traveled in September to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and then to

Savannah, Georgia, for Bill's USS *Savage* reunion. They spend most of their time on the Northern Neck of Virginia with gardening, community activities, and sporting their 1940 Ford. Susan plans to join us at our reunion.

Linda Glynn Hutchinson and **Pat Lewars Pace** traveled last fall in South Africa, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, and Botswana. They saw lions, rhinos, elephants, and cape buffaloes; ate warthog, crocodile tail, and eland; and were charmed by the cute penguins on the way to the Cape of Good Hope.

Kathy Goddard Moss and Tom put their house on the market in February, downsizing possessions accumulated over 49 years of marriage. They visited son Joe and his family in California and scouted for retirement homes. During the summer, their daughter and three grandchildren came from Spain, and former exchange students visited from China. Kathy and sister **Eileen Goddard Albrigo** made their annual fall retreat to Hilton Head, South Carolina, visiting with

friends and preparing the beach house for winter.

Katharine Rogers Lavery and Hank spent nearly three weeks in Nags Head, North Carolina, with blended family. Now that the grandkids are 10 to 28 it's harder to gather the whole clan, but they got together for a magnificent Thanksgiving. Hank is semiretired and Katharine continues to tutor math, play church music, and create wedding dresses for family and friends.

1967

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Dan and I will celebrate our 49th anniversary in June. Our three

daughters, three sons-in-law, seven grandchildren, grandson-in-law, and two great-grandchildren live in South Carolina, so we get together often.

Eleanor Frith Peters and Mike were to return to New York City in late January, as Mike was to retire after 11 years as president of St. John's College in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Mike's mother is in her mid-90s and living in eastern Pennsylvania. Mike and Eleanor's daughter Becca (a social studies teacher), her husband Patrick (a dentist), and their three older grandchildren live in Greenville, South Carolina. Son Mike Jr. (in the Army), daughter-in-law Christy (working for the State Department), and two preschool-age grandsons are posted in Istanbul, Turkey, where Eleanor and Mike visited them in 2015. Eleanor looks forward to our 50th reunion next year!

Mary Beth Bush Dore writes that husband Casey is doing fine after open-heart surgery, and thanks to a water pipe break they have new bathroom tile, vanities, and wood floors throughout the house. Their daughter and her husband planned a 70th birthday surprise in November for Mary Beth in Beaufort, South Carolina. Friends from all over the country arrived, including **Gail Balderson Dise, Gayle Atwood Channel, Lori Brown '94, Amanda Boshears '94**, and Mary Beth's daughter, **Virginia "Ginger" Dore Marshall '94**. Mary Beth says she was totally surprised for the first time in her life.

Last August, **Gayle Atwood Channel** and her husband were ending a trip through the upper Midwest, flying out of Kansas City, and gave **Laurie Newman DiPadova-Stocks** a call. She invited them to join her family at a dinner out celebrating her birthday. Laurie and husband Hugh came to Hampton Roads the first week in December, and they shared an amazing dinner at Steinhilber's Restaurant in Norfolk. Also, in the spring, **Jane Farrar Montague** visited Gayle from her home state of Washington. They were childhood friends who roomed together at Mary Washington.

Gayle Atwood Channel '67 got together with Laurie Newman DiPadova-Stocks '67 twice during the fall.

On Liberia's Ebola Front Line

Lyn Howell Gray '69 resisted leaving Liberia as the Ebola virus sickened West Africans in 2014.

Gray and her Liberian colleagues employed by an aid organization urged pragmatism, not panic. People could stay safe, they emphasized, by avoiding the person-to-person contacts that spread the virus, especially when caring for the sick or preparing bodies for burial.

But the aid organization insisted that its American employees return to Washington, D.C., because the epidemic had overtaken medical facilities and airlines were suspending service.

"Being forcibly evacuated was difficult because we had to desert our colleagues at such a bad time, and there was important work we could be doing," Gray said. She and husband Jim left with a few hastily packed belongings, not knowing when or even if they'd be able to return to their home of many years.

As it turned out, they were absent only two months, returning when safe medical care and airline service could again be assured.

Ebola numbers were at their highest then, and Gray and her colleagues worked with nongovernmental organizations to help community leaders correct citizens' misunderstanding of the disease. Liberia has since been declared Ebola-free.

The Grays' connection with the country goes back to the 1970s. After graduating from Mary Washington with a major in French, Lyn married Jim and completed a master's degree in Russian and linguistics at Georgetown University. Then the couple left for the Peace Corps, teaching high school in rural Liberia for three years.

They were in their 20s, and the students they taught tended to be older than American high schoolers. The Grays supported three of them through university studies, forming lifelong friendships with those students.

Throughout the '80s and '90s, the couple and son Rafael lived in both the

U.S. and Africa. Lyn's career included directing Peace Corps programs in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (then Zaire) and Niger, and directing international programs at Virginia Tech.

Meanwhile, Liberia struggled through years of civil war, culminating in the forced exit and eventual imprisonment of dictator Charles Taylor. As peace resumed in the mid-2000s, the Grays returned to Liberia to help the country combat the lingering effects of war.

The Grays witnessed the 2005 election and 2011 re-election of Harvard-educated President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, whom Lyn Gray considers the best leader Liberia has ever had. As Sirleaf steps down, they hope to witness a peaceful election and transfer of power.

Now semiretired, the Grays are building a home "upcountry," away from the crowded capital, and expect to remain in Liberia for some years. Once they fully retire, they plan to return to the U.S. and live in Blacksburg.

The Grays are proud that son Rafa, now 35, has continued in their international footsteps including Peace Corps service of his own. And Lyn Gray is also thankful for her Mary Washington days, which led to fluency in French and helped prepare her for her life's work.

"I think the best thing Mary Washington did for me, besides the French, was confidence," she said. "I had to push myself. ... I really got a much better idea of what I could do."

– Laura Moyer

Lyn Howell Gray, center, poses with colleagues from an aid group in Monrovia, Liberia.



"I think the best thing Mary Washington did for me, besides the French, was confidence." – Lyn Howell Gray

'69



1968

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Mary Margaret Marston Monroe and Richard retired in 2006 to Blacksburg in southwest Virginia. Richard and their son (who lives in Richmond) are Virginia Tech alums. Their daughter and son-in-law (who both graduated from Clemson), and two athletic grandsons live in South Carolina. Mary teaches a strength and balance class for seniors and is on the visitation committee at their church.

Nancy Bell Rockey and Len recently celebrated their 14th anniversary and live in the house they built in State College, Pennsylvania. They get together with their four children, four children-in-law, and seven grandchildren at the beach every summer. Nancy and Len recently traveled to Sanibel, Florida, and Italy. They have restored a one-room schoolhouse in their neighborhood, and it's a community center and wedding venue.

Condolences to **Mollie Fornes Peery**, whose husband, George G. Peery III, passed away in 2015. George and Mollie were married during her junior year.

Donna Sheehan Gladis and Steve are still in Northern Virginia. Steve has retired from the FBI and from U.Va. and has an executive coaching firm. Donna volunteers with church and Master Gardeners, helps run her husband's business, helps with her three grandchildren, and helps with mom **Barbara Skidmore Sheehan '35**, who turned 100 in 2015.

Susan McCrory Braaten and Tom settled in New Bern, North Carolina, when he retired from the Marine Corps in 2001 after more than 36 years. Susan became the technology coordinator and trainer at Keller Williams Realty in New Bern. Their daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter live in Raleigh, North Carolina. Susan sees two MWC grads occasionally in New Bern – **Nicole Brooks '77**, who coordinates events at Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens and the North Carolina History Center, and **Christie Wineholt '69**.

Pam Tompkins Huggins and Jim enjoy their five grandchildren. Their three daughters are married to great guys. Pam lives in Staunton,

Susan McCrory Braaten '68 is technology coordinator and trainer at Keller Williams Realty in New Bern, North Carolina.

Virginia, has a guest cottage open for classmates anytime, and is looking forward to the 2018 reunion.

Mary Ellen Ashelford says she had a delightful email romp with the May Queens, but it appears that Pam is trying not only to usurp the May Queen title but also to turn her senior class presidency into something like Most Memorable Class President, when we all know that one's freshman class president is the One True President. We will have to duke all this out at the gala 50th in 2018. Everybody: Bring a tiara, and Mary will bring her gavel (she thinks she actually still has it)!

Maureen Murphy McCart visited with **Sue Farnham Piatt** and **Suzanne McCarthy Van Ness '69** in 2015. Suzanne has a son who lives in D.C., so she and Maureen get together several times a year. Last summer, Sue and her significant other spent time in Fredericksburg, D.C., and Annapolis, where Sue and Maureen caught up. **Judy Jackson Jones** hosted Maureen in Richmond and took her shopping in Williamsburg. Maureen loves her job at DeMatha Catholic High School in Baltimore and will travel to Italy in the fall with the DeMatha alumni.

Sally Monroe Kelly wrote that, as her super observant old roomie noticed from her Christmas card, she is indeed old enough to have a son with gray in his beard. Her kids are ages 34 to 47. They had a family reunion this summer in Healdsburg, California. Sally hopes to see classmates at our 50th reunion in 2018, especially those who have thus far resisted the urge to revisit the past at reunion time.

Four MWC suitmates met this year at **Frances Rodgers Bryant's** house in Virginia Beach. **Linda Hall Palmer** and **Mary Ellen Ashelford** still live in Connecticut. **Georgia Carroll Dinsmore Sherlock** and **Fran** are both in Virginia Beach. They lived on the third floor of Madison in a corner suite every year except freshman year.

With sadness we inform you of the death of **Gail Jargowsky Farmer** in

January. Gail won several awards during her career as an English teacher; she also owned a needle-point design business. Her husband's Army career took Gail and their two sons around the U.S. and overseas, including an assignment in Ghana, West Africa. Gail was a lovely woman, inside and out, and she will be missed.

1969

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Betty Wade Miles Perry '69 has returned from Guatemala for a second time working with mountain villagers.

Carolyn Kreiter-Foronda read her poetry and led a discussion at a gathering of poets laureate (of which she is a member) in October at the Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas, Virginia.

Lyn Howell Gray [featured on page 33] is retiring from her job in Liberia but will stay there with Jim to do consulting.

Beth Ball Townsend has moved to St. John's historic district in downtown Richmond. Son Gil lives nearby, and he and Beth treated me to dinner in October while I was back East for my 50th high school reunion in Virginia Beach.

Patti Boise Kemp reminds us that Rick and Rose Hurley are honorary members of our class of 1969, and they look forward to celebrating our 50th class reunion in 2019 – not that far away, girls!

Nina Shepherd lives in Columbia, South Carolina, which had serious flooding in October. Nina built her home 15 yards from the Saluda River there in 1997, but they built it on 18-foot pilings and got flood insurance. (Mary Wash graduated only smart girls!) The flood brought the water under her house to 3 feet deep. Her husband was trapped inside while Nina was away, but he refused to call the water rescue

team. (He did not graduate from Mary Wash.)

Gloria Shelton Gibson has traveled to New York City; Austin, Texas; and Hilton Head Island in South Carolina. She also spent two weeks in Italy visiting the Amalfi Coast, Rome, Tuscany, and Venice.

Betty Wade Miles Perry has returned from Guatemala for a second time working with mountain villagers. She helped build a library and community center. She visited **Cynthia Lowdermilk** in Clarksville, Virginia, while attending her 50th high school reunion in Danville.

Nancy Yeager Allard's mother-in-law, who lived with her and husband Paul, died at age 97. Nancy and Paul went on a two-week Baltic cruise in June, and followed the Lewis and Clark trail by steamboat

in Washington and Oregon. Nancy had a great time at her 50th high school reunion.

Ginny Wheaton retired from a management consulting firm in 2014 and moved with her husband to Nosara, Costa Rica, where they enjoy the "pura vida" lifestyle in a pristine beach community. She serves on the board of a civic association to keep development out of the nearby wildlife preserve.

Beverly "Bev" Holt and wife Debra Alpert enjoyed three weeks in Australia and New Zealand. They're remodeling their condo at Wrightsville Beach in North Carolina. Bev is a docent with the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh.

Carole Findlay Phipps was focused on grading papers from her business classes at San Jose State, where

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she is a professor. Her 94-year-old mother was to have a hip replacement right after classes ended.

Anne Witham Kilpatrick got together with **Jeanine Zavrel Fearn**, **Toni Turner Bruseth**, and **Susie Bender Winterble** at Toni's house in Austin, Texas.

Dr. **Sharon Dobie** lives in Seattle, Washington, and has published her book *Heart Murmurs*. She has two adopted sons, ages 26 and 29.

Nancy Stevenson Leeper is in Austin, Texas, and is semiretired from speech pathology. She volunteers at Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and the Assistance League Thrift House. She regularly visits her 92-year-old mom in Virginia. Her sons, both married, live in Texas. She planned to visit Key West, Florida, with her Mary Wash roommate **Carolyn Day O'Leary**.

Ann R. Smith and Tom joined MWC suitemates **Cathy Allen Hughes**, with husband Michael, and

Scholarship fund in gratitude for the life we have enjoyed due to my opportunities at Mary Wash from generous university scholarships. We hope you will consider participating in it so we can meet our first scholarship recipient at our 50th reunion.

The Class of 1969 established the Laura V. Sumner Memorial Scholarship in honor of our 25th anniversary. Its value was \$65,604 as of June 30, 2015, and **Megan Garvin '18** and **Cheyenne Johnson '17's** scholarships were renewed.

Write me with more of your adventures or Zen moments. We need them all.

1970

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After our 45th reunion last spring, **Bettie Brooks Reuter** hosted a mini-reunion at her home in Williamsburg in July with **Deb White Orsi**, **Susan Johnson**

Lynn Amole Horng '70 worked at a community garden growing produce for a food pantry and was pursuing Master Gardener certification.

Nancy Gleason, with beau Gary, for a Rhine River Viking cruise from Basel to Amsterdam. Their first Viking cruise, in July 2014, was on the Danube River. **Kitty Culhane Rogers** and husband John joined them for that trip. Cathy, Nancy, and Ann managed a mini-reunion in June 2015 in Richmond with Ann's Mary Wash roomie **Nancy Andrews**.

I am fully retired from contracting and am moving two hours north to Santa Rosa, California, the heart of wine country. I don't drink, so I'll be a permanent designated driver for those of you who want to tour the northern California vineyards. Ann and I have also set up The Class of 1969 50th Anniversary Reunion

Gillette, Judy Cunningham Dotson, **Lee Howland Hogan**, and me. Lee met **Donna Accettullo DeNyse** in New York City in the summer, and she met **Kathi O'Neill** in Delaware and went to Longwood Gardens. Lee skied in Colorado, went to Ecuador and the Galapagos, drove the Pacific Coast Highway, and went to Normandy and Brittany in June.

John and I went to Alaska in August and to the Italian and French Rivas in October and November. With two trips to Phoenix to see grandchildren in the fall also, Christmas came too quickly for me. Thanks to **Sharon Arthur Spencer**, I finally got in touch with **Lucia Smithey Bushway**. Lucia has been teaching math at the University of West Florida for 18 years. Before that she worked for the local drug and alcohol council. She and Jeff have two daughters and two grandchildren

Our previous class agent, **Carole LaMonica Clark**, and Ted visited Colorado Springs in the fall and

Debra Stanley Leap '72 and daughter **Amy Leap '12** recently helped **Ruth Smith Stanley '45** celebrate her 91st birthday.

loved it. Living in Georgia was horrible for Carole's allergies, so they listed their home there and it sold Nov. 3; their new home was to be ready in January. **Lynn Amole Horng** worked last summer at a community garden growing produce for a food pantry. She was a trainee in the Penn State Master Gardener class and hoped to pass the test at the end of the course. She also joined a quilt guild and is slowly increasing her skills. She and Albert have been married 41 years.

Faye Carrithers Roberts is retired from the Florida Library Association and is a freelance editor. She cares for her husband and mother-in-law in Lake City and visits their grandchildren in the Atlanta area.

I have sad news to report. In December, **Elizabeth "Betsy" Newton Ellis** died at home in Fredericksburg. She had retired from Stafford County Schools and the Central Rappahannock Regional Library. She is survived by three sons and two grandchildren.

1971

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Janice Reynolds Cook writes that her husband of 20 years, John, died five years ago of a stroke. She and John both taught English at the University of New Orleans, where she still lives. Son Kent and his wife live in Charlottesville and have two grown sons.

Janice is retired but keeps busy with church, a Dickens reading group, and classes in Greek tragedy. She

in Dallas. It is good to have that second family.

Janice's MWC roommate **Frannie Sydnor Cook** and husband Wes are near Durham. They raise cattle and love their farm. Wes retired from Duke as a neurosurgeon.

Kim Warren Noe and Bob are in South Carolina. Janice saw Kim about seven or eight years ago when she was in New Orleans for a conference.

Janice remembers **Karen Laino Giannuzzi**, **Nancy Battaglia**, **Anne Jeffries**, **Lisa Lehman Culler**, **Patti Santoro**, **Jane Parker Morris**, **Pam Temple Roach**, and many others.

1972

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I had wonderful conversations with **Cheryl Prietz Childress** and **Norah Heckman '73** in December. Norah still resides in Arlington, Virginia. Cheryl and Dave traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, to spend Christmas with daughter Thea and son-in-law Eric. Son Alex and future daughter-in-law Belle also spent time with them. Plans are in full swing for Alex and Belle's wedding next fall.

Debra Stanley Leap's daughter, **Amy Leap '12**, was married last August to Adam Miller near Harrisonburg, Virginia. On Dec. 8, Debbie and Amy celebrated the 91st birthday of **Ruth Smith Stanley '45** with dinner and a Christmas sing-along at the Sunnyside retirement community. Debbie works part time doing health screenings.

I am still working full time with

Joyce Hines Molina '73 has become full-time organist and choirmaster at her church.

has become close friends with John's first wife and her husband, who live one street away. Stepson Drew and his wife also live in New Orleans. Stepdaughter Maggie lives

a law firm in Baltimore, and it is interesting and rewarding. We travel back and forth to Roanoke to take care of my late mother's home. Dennis and I found time this year

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for shorter trips to Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and Atlantic City.

Hearing from former classmates puts a spring in my step. Stay well and happy.

1973

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I begin with the sad news. **Barbara Barnes Krug**, an outstanding member of the Class of '73, passed away Oct. 20. Thank you to **Caren Moore Van Pelt** for sharing this information.

In September I accepted the call to serve as full-time organist and choirmaster at my church. So much for retirement! I continue to play the oboe in the Henrico Concert Band. We planned a vacation to Belize in January.

Cathy Kroohs '76 retired after almost 30 years as a medic with the Alexandria Fire Department.

Kaye Carrithers has a new grandson, Samuel Watkins Conley, born in July. He's her fifth grandson and sixth grandchild, and she's told he'll be the last of the grandchildren. Four-year-old Caleb had told his mother if she had a girl, he wanted to send her back. Other grandchildren are Riley, 9; Richard, 13; Trevor, 12; and Tanner, 9.

Marianne Schwartz Reed graduated from VCU in 1980 with a master's in social work. After 35 years of work in the mental health field, she still loves having the opportunity to help someone with their journey. She is a crisis worker in a mental health clinic. Husband Rexton "Smokey" Reed saw her through a bout of breast cancer and is helping her get around as she recovers from a broken leg. She enjoys traveling, gardening, live music, reading, fishing, and Welsh corgis.

Pat Price took early retirement in 2006 from Virginia Western Community College, where she led the English department and was assistant dean of humanities. Now she pursues interests in reading, cooking, floral design, and antiquing. She has traveled to England, Hawaii, and Italy.

She collects vintage charms and says if anyone has a lead on a 14k gold Mary Washington College charm from the '70s, let her know. She's been looking for one for years!

1974

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I'm anticipating the birth of twin

granddaughters in 2016. I enjoy doing embroidery and making lavender sachets for Blue Skye Lavender, a farm on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. I had lunch recently with **Beverly Haynes Vaughn '74**, who retired from government work and has resumed teaching preschool a couple of days a week.

Judy Sledge Joyce's son Jack is a sophomore at UNC-Chapel Hill majoring in public relations. Her twins, Jeffery and Julianne, are high school sophomores in Fairfax County. They joined Judy on a church mission trip to the highlands of Guatemala in the summer of 2014, building stoves for families using open fires in their homes. Husband Rick is chief cyber counsel with the U.S. Coast Guard. Judy fosters animals from the Alexandria Animal Shelter and helps trap, neuter, and release feral cats.

Daphne Johnston Elliott encourages us to attend our 40th reunion June 3 to 5! Please join our Facebook page, *Mary Washington College Class of 1976*, and donate to the Alumni Association. **Ann Gorneva Krulevitz** is national director of field compliance at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Husband Steve coaches elite tennis players and the Gilman School

tennis team. Daughter Stephannie just passed the bar and clerks for a judge in Baltimore County.

Heather Lamond Grieshaber retired five years ago and lives with her husband in Tucson. She has been working on the Tucson Festival of Books, and they went to Scotland for Christmas. Daughter Jessica Suhowsky just got her RN from Vanderbilt University. **Teresa Smith Houser** retired in 2013 from Emerson Process Management in Pittsburgh. She and her husband live in Southport, North Carolina, where they enjoy the beach and golf.

Melissa Mann is on a mission for her church in Ecuador. Days and nights are 12 hours long throughout the year, the temperature is stable, and it rarely rains. She's learning Spanish, and the Ecuadorians are helpful.

Kim Stambaugh Jureckson is a dancer, teacher, and choreographer in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She teaches at the Lancaster Country Day School and is artistic director of the Grant Street Dance Company. She and Mitchell have three children. Britta is married and lives in Australia. Erica was married in July and lives in Annapolis. Max lives and works in the Lancaster area.

Virginia Thompson '78 is retired from teaching art to grades K-5 and is enjoying travels with her husband.

Kim's dear friend and sophomore roommate **Pat Tully Osborne** attended Erica's wedding.

Wendy Francis is semiretired from being a program director at a nonprofit biodiversity conservation organization in Alberta, Canada, and is considering a move to the Vancouver area to be near her brother. She hopes to continue doing consulting and contract work.

Nancy Saunders Puckette of Pleasant Valley, New York, hardly recognized Mary Washington on a drive through Fredericksburg. She and Jim have been married almost 40 years and have daughters Nicole, 27, a photographer, and Annalise, 25, an event planner.

Cathy Kroohs retired after almost 30 years as a medic with the

Alexandria Fire Department. She has a new right hip and wants to do some serious traveling. She's trying to get her black Lab mutt trained well enough to travel with her or leave with friends who will still speak to her when she returns.

Yolande A. Long's son Drew got his master's degree in commerce from U.Va. and is working at Capital One. He is engaged to Allison Russell of Reston. Yolande regularly sees **Betty Galt Kennedy** who lives a few blocks away. Their kids were together in preschool and are still friends.

Cathy Colbert is looking forward to the reunion and has touched base with **Candy Rossell Baunsgard**, who is planning to come. Cathy is still working as a paralegal, but is counting down the years to retirement.

Veronica "Teeney" Burton has retired and traveled to Japan, Canada, and several U.S. cities. She has three daughters, one of whom is serving in the Navy in Qatar.

Hope to see many of you in June at our 40th reunion!

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Krista is executive director of the American College of Clinical Pharmacology, a nonprofit association for clinical pharmacology professionals.

Virginia Thompson retired from teaching art to grades K-5 in May 2014. She and her husband cruised the Rhine and Moselle rivers last October with stops in the Netherlands, Germany, Luxembourg, France, and Switzerland. Other travels were to visit the 9/11 Memorial in New York and to the Canadian Rockies.

Several classmates reconnected over Homecoming Weekend. **Allen Nichols Scott** teaches in Salisbury, Maryland. Daughter Jamie is a CPA and lives in Baltimore, and son Michael is a process engineer in Spartanburg, South Carolina. **Joni Joseph Owens** is an RN on the neuroscience unit of Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro, North Carolina. She and Frosty celebrated their 37th anniversary and enjoy time with grandson Cole, 2.

Robin Pierce Donlaveg lives in Arlington, Virginia, and works for the government. Daughter Leah attends Old Dominion University. **Martha Weaver Campbell** owns Trinity Title LLC in Lynchburg, Virginia, where she and Dave enjoy daughter Regan's family including husband Chad and children Hampton, Hudson, and Henley.

MJ Ford Johnston lives in Annapolis with daughter Emily, who recently graduated from Penn State. MJ is in risk management with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. **Carol Mills** retired from teaching music in Prince William County, Virginia, in June 2015.

Mary Anne Kennedy Kane '79 is adjusting to the high altitude and Rocky Mountain attitude at her home in the foothills near Denver.

Janet Place Fuller retired from a 35-year career with Military Health Systems and now owns COR Consulting LLC. She lives in Great Falls, Virginia, with her husband of 37 years, Tom. Son Billy lives close by and puts his art degree to use as a tattoo artist.

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Leslie Freeman Belcher retired from the U.S. Department of the Interior as an IT specialist in August 2015 after 34 years. They're staying in Northern Virginia for now, but downsizing and traveling to visit family.

Amy Meyers Becker '80 and Lizabeth Murray Patterson '80 camped and hiked together in Glacier National Park.

Mary Regan McMahon was to mark her 18th year with Fairfax County in February and hopes to retire within two years. Husband Brian has worked 25 years with the U.S. Postal Service as an electronic technician and in April 2015, they celebrated 30 years of marriage. Son Sean is a probation/parole officer trainee for North Carolina, living in Asheville. Son Zach is in his fourth year of a five-year program for forensic science and chemistry at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Mary Anne Kennedy Kane and husband Brian have settled into the Denver foothills and are adjusting to the high altitude and Rocky Mountain attitude. She is a speech language pathologist with Genesis Rehab services. She lost her mother, Charlotte Kennedy, in September but has been comforted by friends including **Kim Buschhau Smith, Dorothy Hannum Clinton, Pam Marks Frank, Ellen Erskine Littlefield, and Carolyn Keyser**

Ocel, who spent a difficult afternoon with her.

Caroline Sutton Morris has been married to Fred Morris, a banker, since 1987, and she has had careers in banking, corrugated paper, private schools, hazardous chemicals, and at Kraft foods. They live in York, Pennsylvania. Daughter **Anne "Annie" Morris '11** lives

in Richmond and works at VCU. Daughter Caroline graduated from the University of Alabama in 2014 and works for Frito Lay in Little Rock. Caroline's mom, also a Mary Washington alumna, and sister live in Fredericksburg, and she gets to town often.

Laurie Dalhouse Saunders wrote that her mom died a couple of years ago and that has been hard, but she

and her sister are as close as ever. Her daughter is a pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Atlanta; her elder son and his wife live in Seattle, where he is in seminary; and her younger son is a freshman at Hampden-Sydney. Husband John is still working for UBS, and Laurie volunteers helping a class of first-graders with language arts.

Mary Kay Lohr Crowley '81 has been technical coordinator at a hospital microbiology lab for a quarter century.

1980

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In January the Friends of Dance of UMW and the Sacred Dance Ensemble of Fredericksburg presented a scholarship in dance in the names of **Vicky Nichols Wilder and Florence Overley Ridderhof '50**. They have worked for 20 years to promote dance at UMW and had no idea about the scholarship being formed in their names. When endowed, this scholarship will join the Claudia Moore Read Scholarship and the Sonja Dragomanovic Haydar Scholarship to help dancers with their tuition.

Our group continues to get together often, and our big trip was the 35th reunion at UMW in May. **Anne Miller, Victoria Prescott, Alison Roedy Mack, Lizabeth Murray Patterson, and Martha Williams**

Locke attended, staying in the dorm and enjoying the air conditioning. We continued to Asheville for a three-night tour and planned to get together at Christmas.

Amy Meyers Becker and Lizabeth Murray Patterson got together last summer in Phoenix and flew to Whitefish, Montana, to stay at Beth's mom's home. They camped and hiked in Glacier National Park and toured Northwest Montana. Beth retired in January 2013 and has been visiting national parks and hiking as much as possible. She also has been knitting and quilting.

Kimm Harty retired Jan. 1 after 31 years with the Utah Geological Survey, 20 as deputy director. She planned to continue restoring her 115-year-old house and to travel to Hawaii, Florida, New York, and Cancun in 2016, with a trip to Bora Bora in 2017.

Vicky Wilder celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Sacred Dance Ensemble and also the Friends of Dance of UMW. She is founder of both organizations and has been the principal choreographer of the ensemble.

1981

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Audrey Komito Thomson is executive director of philanthropy for the St. Mary's Health System in Lewiston, Maine. She lives in Freeport, and her door is always open to alumni shopping at L.L. Bean, 2½ miles away. Daughter Bailey has lived in Johannesburg, South Africa, for three years and is the director of school design for Spark Schools. Son Nathan is in his final semester at Radford University.

Nancy Skinner Woodhouse teaches eighth grade Earth and physical science in Virginia Beach, Virginia. She and Bill celebrated 33 years of marriage in November. Daughter Sarah was married last September and lives and works in Charlottesville. Son Greg lives in Fredericksburg and works at Dahlgren.

Dog Helps Alum Get to Work

Winter is off duty, so he greets a visitor to his Fredericksburg home with all the tongue-lolling, tail-wagging enthusiasm a Labrador pup can muster – which is a lot. Then he settles with a contented sigh at the feet of **Brian Parsons '85**.

But when Winter steps outside each morning for the duo's two-hour commute to Washington, D.C., the Seeing Eye dog is all business. He guides Parsons to a nearby bus stop, onto a train, onto Metro, and finally to an office at the Department of Homeland Security, where Parsons has worked since 2006.

"When you put the harness on, he becomes completely locked in," Parsons says of the dog he partnered with in September 2015. "It's like a knife through butter going through Union Station now. It's like a Swedish slalom – he's weaving me in and out of people, and I'm along for the ride. He's amazing."

Parsons, who has been legally blind since birth, had used a white cane since middle school to detect obstacles in his path. But in recent years, even with some limited peripheral vision, Parsons noticed that navigating through hordes of commuters in Union Station and finding the right Metro and train platforms had grown more challenging. After careful thought and consultation with friends and family – including wife **Carolyn Sydnor Parsons '83** – Parsons applied to The Seeing Eye, a nonprofit that has matched blind people with meticulously trained guide dogs for nearly 90 years.

The organization took note of Parsons' lifestyle, his long commute, even his gait and where his hand fell relative to a dog's harness, before matching him with Winter for a month-long training class at its Morristown, New Jersey, headquarters.

For decades, Parsons used his white cane to note familiar landmarks. But Winter steers his partner around walls, buildings, and other impediments, meaning Parsons had to retrain the way his brain envisions his

environment. He had to learn to trust the dog's skills, while also correcting Winter if he sensed the 2-year-old had lost focus.

"By the second week, I started to realize, 'I think this is going to work. I think this is right for me,'" Parsons said.

It's hard to resist Winter's charms, but Parsons said his colleagues at Homeland Security do a great job of treating the 60-pound Lab like a co-worker rather than the office mascot. Parsons has been a senior policy adviser at the federal agency's Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties for nearly a decade, making sure that disaster preparedness plans take into account individuals with disabilities as well as those with limited English skills, transportation hardships, and other needs.

Parsons said his environmental science degree from Mary Washington has come in handy; he had no trouble understanding the physics behind a tidal surge – and the resulting damage – when he deployed with FEMA after Hurricane Ike in 2008 and Hurricane Sandy in 2012. He also does a fair amount of technical writing on the job, another skill he said he picked up at Mary Washington.

But every few hours, he said, he gets up from his keyboard and takes his partner for a well-deserved walk.

"He brings so much enthusiasm and energy into my daily life," Parsons said of Winter. "I've lost weight – he's my personal fitness trainer."

– Edie Gross



Norm Shafer

Brian Parsons and Seeing Eye dog Winter commute each workday to Parsons' job in Washington, D.C.

"It's like a Swedish slalom – he's weaving me in and out of people, and I'm along for the ride. He's amazing."

– Brian Parsons

Georgetown U. sent **Anne Thompson Steen '83** to Dubai, Munich, and Asia in 2015.

This year brought sadness and joy for **Mary Kay Lohr Crowley**. Husband Bill passed away in December 2014 after a 30-year battle with heart disease. Son Andrew married Sarah in June. Mary Kay has been technical coordinator for the microbiology lab at a suburban Philadelphia hospital for more than 25 years and has been an adjunct professor at Neumann University for six years.

Our 35th reunion is June 3 to 5. I hope to see you there!

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Sharon Robertson Williamson worked in Bangkok for four months and resumed her schedule in January. She paints pictures and has started a consulting firm and two "Lean In" circles in Richmond to mentor women in their careers. Husband Brian brews beer and designs mechanical things. Shelby is a Virginia Tech senior and has had marketing internships and a semester overseas. Hunter is a CNU sophomore and sang at the Vatican, and in Venice, Austria, and Germany in early 2015, concerts Sharon and Brian attended.

Wendy Burnette Dickinson is in touch with **Sarah Thompson Doig**, **Susan Jurkiewicz Nelson '84**, **Anne Marie Thompson Steen**, and **Kerry Devine '84**. Sarah operates her Hand-to-Hand Therapy Clinic in Colorado. Susan and her family are in Foley, Alabama. Kerry and Wendy caught up at the celebration of life ceremony of Otho Campbell, longtime professor of history at UMW.

Wendy's daughter Hillary lived with **Anne Thompson Steen** and **Dan Steen '84** while she interned in D.C. during the summer of 2015. Hillary graduated from William & Mary and is a research assistant for the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health. Wendy's husband, John "JD"

Dickinson, serves on the UMW College of Business Advisory Board. Wendy is pursuing certification as a coach and **Alison Metzler LaMura** has assisted with some of Wendy's assignments.

Anne Thompson Steen spent a chunk of fall 2015 in Singapore and Hong Kong meeting with Georgetown alumni. Georgetown sent her to Dubai, Munich, and Asia in 2015. Son Harrison graduates in May from Sewanee. Daughter Meredith works for a national security consulting firm in D.C. Dan continues to travel with his job. They have visited with **Karrie Nelson Ferguson**, **Susan Bancroft Leavitt**, **Jenifer Blair '82**, **Wendy Burnette Dickinson**, and **Sarah Thompson Doig**.

Judy Sweetman Gwynn and her

Judy Sweetman Gwynn '83 and her husband moved into their dream home on the St. Mary's River.

husband moved into their dream retirement home on the St. Mary's River in 2013 with room for the boat and gardening. Their youngest is at home now, with their middle daughter a sophomore at Mississippi State University. Judy is serving her second term on the UMW Alumni Association Board of Directors. In October, Judy traveled to Italy and visited Rome, Florence, and Naples. She sees **Sharon Arnold** regularly.

Farah Maynor Marks and husband celebrated 30 years of marriage. Daughter Marilyn is married and lives in Cleveland, where she teaches and plays violin in regional orchestras. Son Sam graduates in May from Hampden-Sydney College. Farah is director of development at Randolph College and enjoyed a summer trip to London with a Randolph group. Farah saw former MWC roommate **Terry Skinto Hogan** this fall at her daughter's wedding in Alabama, and saw **Jenifer Blair** and **Heather Archer Mackey '82** at a recent alumni event.

Lynn Conville Abraham and her husband celebrated 25 years of marriage. They are adjusting to life with one child after the loss of their oldest, two years ago in February. Lynn keeps in touch with a group including **Freda White '84**, **Cindy Greer Chalkley '84**, and **Mary Driver Downs '84**.

After 32 years working with Accomack County public schools, **Dannehl Bounds Strautz** and husband Don were closing on a home in Waynesville, North Carolina, where they hope to settle permanently in a year or two. Son David attends Mississippi State University.

Scott Harris says the James Monroe Museum is gearing up for the bicentennial of Monroe's presidency. They published a children's book about a family's visit to the museum and released a second CD of music played on the Monroes' Astor pianoforte. Scott became president of the Fredericksburg Museums Council and joined the board of the

September 2015. Harolyn's son Justin earned a bachelor's degree in psychology with an art minor from Bridgewater College in May of 2015. He works for Premium Distributors and hopes to show his artwork soon. In November, Harolyn came in third in her age group in a 5K turkey trot. She is a grandmom as well – daughter Jerilyn and her husband have two boys. Tia works at the American Psychological Association, is active with Jazzercise, and has traveled to Canada and Greece. While in Fredericksburg, Tia had lunch at The General Store with **Jocelyn Taylor '19**, **Gregory Taylor's** daughter.

Audrey Poindexter loves her new career as a nurse. **Mabel Royal** is still teaching intro biology courses at North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina. Mabel presented research findings at the Association of Southeastern Biologists meeting in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Kathy Walters Along and Jim are empty-nesters now. Daughter Gina is a senior in nursing school. Son Joe is a freshman at Rice studying Korean language and linguistics. Kathy is still active in Junior League. She's hung up her Jazzercise shoes but still pursues yoga and spinning.

Rae Morrison Scott completed a registered nursing degree in December and started working at Norton Healthcare in January. Last July she and her husband traveled to Israel.

My youngest son, Frank, is graduating from Vassar in May and has accepted a job as software engineer for an internet company in Mountain View, California. In November, I defended my master's thesis in health policy. Three master's degrees means I am done with school. My job with Aetna Medicaid has me on the road 80 percent of the time, but coming home to Fort Lauderdale is fantastic!

1984

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Sharon Robertson Williamson '83 worked in Bangkok for four months.



Carmela Garcia Patrick '85 and Carol Green Major '85 have been going together to the Urbanna Oyster Festival since freshman year.

In May, **Betsey Dunn Kirkemo's** oldest daughter was to graduate from Clarkson and her youngest from high school. She downsized and sold her house but is still in the Denver area. **Lisa Featherstone Walsh** doesn't live far from her, and they get together. Betsey was blessed to have **Betsy Maguire Whiteside**, **Leslie Runaldue Tufarolo**, and **Eleni Sempeles Goldsmith** support her family after her brother passed away suddenly a year and a half ago. This year, all four headed to Juniata to watch the Clarkson volleyball team play UMW. After her mentor passed away in 2014, Betsey now owns the company she's worked for since 1992.

1985

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Amy Blasch Liberty lives in Springfield, Virginia, with her family and is the proud mom of UMW Eagle/Devil daughters in the Classes of '17 and '19.

Glenn Birch lives with wife Ellen in Ashland, Virginia, where they perform original and traditional folk music as part of a trio. They enjoy spending time on the Northern Neck. Glenn is director of public relations for the Virginia Credit Union in Richmond.

Russell Berry, director of operations at Nathan Grace Real Estate, was installed as the 2016 president of the MetroTex (Dallas area)

pancreatic cancer in May 2013.

Carmela Garcia Patrick and husband Sherman live in Prince William County, Virginia. Three of their six kids are still at home. They have a seventh-grader, an 11th-grader, and a freshman at JMU, and another at NOVA. Their oldest daughter is married and lives in Los Angeles, and their oldest son works on Capitol Hill and has two daughters. Carmela is a zoning expert in commercial real estate, and her husband is a development consultant. After MWC, Carmela earned a master's in urban and regional planning from UNC-Chapel Hill, worked as a planner in local government, took a break to raise kids, and now works from an office in Manassas.

Carmela and her former roommate **Carol Green Major** regularly meet in November at the Urbanna Oyster Festival. Carol is originally from Urbanna, and they have been going to the Oyster Festival since freshman year. Carol lives in Stormont, Virginia, with husband Tommy and children Katlin and Trey. Carol is a CPA and works in Kilmarnock. Carmela often sees **Gayle Greenwood Whitlock**, as they both volunteer for community fundraisers and events. Carmela also occasionally sees **Liz Stamoulis Via-Gossman**.

Susan Gray Barrett has lived along the coast in Clinton, Connecticut, for 30 years. Daughter Gillian Peters is a sophomore at the University

and her boyfriend enjoy hiking, biking, and snowboarding in Stowe, Vermont.

Ann Marie Victor and **Scott Stableford '86** happily made their last tuition payment when son **Sean Stableford '15** graduated from Mary Washington in December.

After an adventure living in Manhattan and working for NBC Universal, **Charles Kennedy** is back in Los Angeles heading TV and film research for Amazon Studios – the group that makes original program-

Jan Breen Tomes '87 is the lead researcher for Metro Paranormal Investigations.

ming for the streaming service of Amazon. His daughter graduated from Washington University in St. Louis last May and has been working for ABC. His son graduated from NYU and is an actor. Charles still surfs, bikes, and soaks up the California sun.

We are enjoying our 10th year in Madison, Wisconsin. Our son works in Seattle, and our daughter teaches elementary school in the area. Scott earned his Ph.D. in history from UW-Madison and teaches naval history at the university. I continue to work with ELL students and talk about books with my book club friends.

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From **Kim**: **Jan Breen Tomes** and husband Mark live near Detroit and became grandparents last July to grandson Greyson Sean. Daughter Ashley and her fiancé, Rob, live in Florida. Mark and Jan both work in automotive-related fields. Jan is also the lead researcher for Metro Paranormal Investigations. The team travels all over the country

to investigate and help host events, and they host their own events on one of the two last Forrest Sherman-class destroyers.

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Margaret Marquis lives in Henrico, Virginia, and recently became a national board certified teacher in early childhood through young adult/library media.

Susan Windley-Daoust lives in Winona, Minnesota, and is married to Jerry. She has five children, ages 6 to 15. She got a Ph.D. in constructive theology from Vanderbilt University in 1998 and is chair and associate professor of theology at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. She recently published *Theology of the Body, Extended: The Spiritual Signs of Birth, Impairment, and Dying* (Lectio Publishing, 2014), which won first place in the 2015 Catholic Press Association Book Awards in the category "best book by a small publisher." She fondly remembers the days of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion in Trinkle Hall and tries to be half as good a teacher as her professors were.

My husband, **Mike Munnis '12**, and I live in Occoquan, Virginia. Our

Charles Kennedy '85 is in L.A. heading TV and film research for Amazon Studios.

Association of Realtors, the fifth largest Realtor group in the nation.

Michael E. Weigel is a senior software engineer who lives in Goose Creek, South Carolina, with wife Julie and their four kids. Emily, 19, was married on New Year's weekend. Matthew, 16, is in 11th grade and plays varsity basketball. John is 14, and Hannah is 10. The family is involved in Civil War reenacting. Michael's mother passed away from

of Massachusetts majoring in legal studies and women's and gender studies, and daughter Kelli Peters is a high school junior at the Williston Northampton School in Easthampton, Massachusetts. After working in health care in Connecticut for 20 years, Susan is vice president of primary care operations for Hartford HealthCare, working with primary and urgent care offices across the state. She

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Wong Savors World Series Win

Being heralded by 800,000 adoring Kansas City Royals fans as he walked a World Series victory parade route last fall, **Jin Wong '97** found himself in a far different place from Mary Washington's dusty playing fields.

But it was as a baseball player and business administration major at Mary Washington that Wong received the guidance and developed the discipline that has taken him to the pinnacle of baseball.

He is assistant general manager/baseball administration for the World Series championship team. Kansas City won its first World Series title in 30 years on Nov. 1, 2015, beating the New York Mets to take the fall classic in five games.

"It was overwhelming," Wong said. As for the parade, which he participated in with his wife, Libby, and sons Kai and Tate, "It was an amazing sight to see. Fans came out in droves.

"A championship brings every walk of life together. Everyone was wearing Royals blue," Wong said. "I could not be more proud to be a part of it."

Wong grew up in Northern Virginia and was an All-American center fielder at Mary Washington. As a senior, he went to Atlanta for a job interview with Hall of Famer Hank Aaron, who has worked for the Atlanta Braves since he retired as a player.

Wong became a baseball operations trainee with Atlanta. Then he landed a position with the minor league Richmond Braves, as a group sales

manager. At one of the games, he crossed paths with Dayton Moore, now general manager of the Royals.

Moore, who then worked in the front office of the Atlanta Braves, was in Richmond to see the minor league affiliate. He let Wong know that a job was open with the Royals as scouting operations coordinator.

Wong got the job and has steadily moved up over 15 years in the Royals' organization. In his current position, he not only assists Moore, Wong aids in contract negotiations, salary arbitration matters, and roster management.

Scott Sharp, Royals' assistant general manager/baseball operations, has worked several years with Wong. "Jin is a tremendously driven and detailed individual who has talents that extend to all areas of a major league front office," Sharp said.

Wong attributes much of his success to his College of Business academic adviser Larry Penwell, now professor emeritus of management and psychology. Penwell assisted Wong with the Braves application.

At UMW, Wong played for long-time coach Tom Sheridan, whom he described as "very strict." Wong says he appreciates now the rigor instilled in him by Sheridan.

And he's thankful the persistence of his Royals finally paid off.

– David Driver

"A championship brings every walk of life together. ... I could not be more proud to be a part of it." – Jin Wong



Jin Wong has worked for 15 years with the Kansas City Royals, the reigning World Series champions.

Sandra Richardson '91 is a forensic investigator for Chesterfield County, Virginia.

happily blended family includes two sons, two stepsons, and a step-daughter – some in school, others in college, and some working. I've been a software engineer since 1989.

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Hello, Class of 1991. Looking forward to seeing you at our 25th reunion June 3 through 5!

Mason "Bill" Donovan and husband Mark celebrated their two-year anniversary in New Hampshire. Bill attended the 2015 homecoming festivities and ran into '91 friends including **Cindy Dyche Rodway-Coray**, who lives in Northern Virginia. **Douglas Rose** owns and operates an IT support business and is married to Natasha. **Lyn "Viola" Cizek** and fiancé Tim are to be married in 2016. **Chris Loudon** and **Mark Gilliat** continue their technology professional lives in Northern Virginia. **Sandra Richardson** is a forensic investigator for Chesterfield County, Virginia. **Charlie Gullo** has returned from a decade-long stint in Singapore. He's married, has a 4-year-old son, and is a dean at Marshall University in West Virginia.

Kelli Miller Slunt attended homecoming with husband Jeff. Kelli is a professor of chemistry and director of the honors program at UMW. **Jeff Mauzy** has lived in Boise, Idaho, for more than 20 years and is the buyer for Peterson Auto Group. He has a 15-year-old daughter and a 12-year-old son.

Janet Nestlerode received the 2015 Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation's Distinguished Service Award at a conference in Portland, Oregon. Janet is a research ecologist for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Gulf Breeze, Florida. She earned a Ph.D. in 2004 from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science at William & Mary.

Lori Klugman plays guitar and sings her original songs in YouTube videos made at an open mic night. She is a fitness trainer in a retirement community and is an animal rights activist.

1992

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A lot has happened since my last Class Notes submission in November 2014. Husband Tom works for Thompson Engineering, headquartered in Mobile, Alabama, and we traveled there several times in 2015. Tom learned he will be project manager for the roadway design of the tallest suspension bridge in the U.S., and Tom's company told him that they needed him in Mobile full time. We finished renovating our home in Atlanta, found a buyer, and were preparing to move with 14-year-old cats Leo and Luna. I hope to connect with alumni in the Mobile area.

Christine Harrison Casey and husband Tom celebrated their second anniversary in December 2015 and planned a New York City trip in spring 2016 to celebrate. In January, she began a position as senior major gifts officer with Transitions LifeCare in Raleigh, North Carolina, which provides hospice, bereavement, and palliative care services.

Bonnie McPheeters Phillips and husband Scott celebrated their 10th anniversary in September 2015. Bonnie started as sales manager with *Chattanooga Magazine* in summer 2015 after a 20-year career in marketing and public relations. **Nellie L. King** remarried, and

Heather Martin Montgomery '92 dedicated a children's book about bugs to Professor of Biology Joella Killian, who got her hooked on entomology.

together she and her husband have five children. She owns a law office in West Palm Beach, Florida, and practices criminal defense in state and federal courts. She is a past president of the Florida Association

of Criminal Defense Lawyers and is on the board of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. She occasionally sees the Happy Twins (**Jeni Levering Galvin** and **Katie Levering Sears**) and enjoys getting together with UMW President Rick Hurley and his wife, Rose, when they travel to South Florida.

Helen Heath Thompson Mosher manages communications for St. George's Episcopal Church in Fredericksburg. She caught up with Class of '90 pals during last summer's reunion. Her older son, **Kieran Shaw '15**, works at Shakespeare Theatre Company in Washington, D.C.

Heather Martin Montgomery's 12th book, a Scholastic children's book about bugs who won't mind

Senior pilot/instructor **Donald Rands Fuller '92** was preparing for his fifth deployment in the Middle East.

their manners, is dedicated to Mary Washington Professor of Biology Joella Killian, who got Heather hooked on entomology. Heather and husband Laddin live near Huntsville, Alabama.

Donald Rands Fuller returned from his fourth deployment in the Middle East in October of 2014 and was preparing for a fifth. He's stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, as a senior pilot/instructor. Don lives in downtown Tacoma, Washington, in a modern loft overlooking Mount Rainier and Commencement Bay.

Julie Lail Porter moved to Fairfax County, Virginia, in 2014 from Virginia Beach with husband Steve and children Jacob, 15, and Maura, 13. Julie lost her father in April 2015

as a business intelligence architect for Sentara Healthcare. She meets **Marie Ryan Cox** regularly. Marie, husband Allen, and their two girls live in Fairfax also. Julie realized she lives near **Libby Johnston Ross**.

Rebecca Gajdalo Gruber lives in West Friendship, Maryland, with husband Dave and three children. She got together in December with Mary Washington friends on Kiawah Island, South Carolina, at the vacation home of **Erin Patrick Duncan**. Erin lives in Gainesville, Virginia, with husband **Billy Duncan '91** and two children. Also attending were **Karen Richardson** of Fredericksburg; **Sarah Perri Spalding**, who lives in Apopka, Florida, with husband John and two children; and **Sheri Whited Masich**, who lives in Herndon, Virginia, with husband Jack and

two children. **Suzie Head Smartt**, who lives in Austin, Texas, with husband Chris and three children, couldn't join them, but Rebecca and Sarah spent a weekend with Suzie at Disney World in February 2015.

Rachael Schmeller Crout lives in Capon Bridge, West Virginia, with husband Eric and daughters Anna and Heather. Anna will attend Shepherd University in 2016, and Heather is in high school. Rachael is a fifth-grade English inclusion teacher at Daniel Morgan Middle School in Winchester, Virginia.

Mike "Gunner" Nelson and family had a great experience in China over Christmas 2015 and New Year's. They visited Beijing (wife Ting's hometown), Xi'an, and Chengdu, saw the Terra Cotta warriors and the panda preserves, and soaked in Chinese history and the beauty of the countryside. Daughter Kaitlyn is a high school junior and

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Paralegal **Leigh Brockman Horowitz '97** has a dance company and teaches dance at Loyola University.

Savannah is in seventh grade and plays softball and basketball. The Nelsons live in Potomac Falls.

Jarrod Anthony Epps, his wife, and 3-year-old twins split their time between San Francisco and Prague. He says it's interesting to live back in the U.S. after almost 20 years away.

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Michael Cerami is international sales manager for the Association of the United States Army in Arlington, Virginia. He works with companies providing global security and defense solutions and has traveled to trade shows in London;

Julie Kraus Bostick and husband Dave welcomed son Jack William Bostick on March 3, 2015. Julie works in nonprofit fundraising and lives in Clearwater, Florida.

Jennifer Boynton Lynch and husband Jamie welcomed daughter Reagan Idella on Aug. 6, 2015. She joins big sister Riley, 5, and big brother James, 4, at home in Midlothian, Virginia. Jennifer taught for 10 years before her first child was born.

1996

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1997

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Tom Johnson and Laura Indzeris Johnson '01 welcomed second daughter Elizabeth Virginia in September. They live outside Harrisonburg, Virginia, where Laura works in marketing and Tom teaches astronomy and Earth science.

Caitlin Jenkins '98 is a conservator at the Academy of Motion Pictures and Sciences.

Amman, Jordan; Paris; Abu Dhabi; and Istanbul, Turkey. He's been married to Melissa for 17 years, and their children are Madelynn, 14, Maeson, 12, and Mikey, 10.

1995

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Class Notes
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magazine.umw.edu.

Liz Rodriguez Ortner and husband Mike live in McLean, Virginia, and welcomed baby Mary Therese on Sept. 29. She joins siblings Gabriel, Julia, Luke, Mikey, and William. Liz homeschools the older three kids.

Marcie Pierson Brandriff's husband, Kevin, is executive director of Headwaters Foundation in Sperryville. Daughter Lily is 3, and they enjoy living in farm country and having cows as neighbors.

Julie Newell Leslie traveled in Mexico, Guatemala, and Peru last fall. She visited the Aztec ruins of Tenochtitlán, hiked the smoldering Pacaya volcano, watched sunrise at the Mayan ruins in Tikal, and saw Machu Picchu. Julie and I got together for brunch in July in the D.C. area.

To celebrate our milestone birthdays, **Kira Stchur Villarreal** and I traveled to Vis and Split in Croatia, and Rome, Montalcino, and

Fredericksburg Clean and Green Commission. **Adrien Snedeker Dickerson** and family also recently moved into a new house.

1999

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Our son John, 15 months, is excited about welcoming a little brother in May. I am fifth-grade lead teacher at the Trinity School in Atlanta, Georgia.

Jimmy Rhodes '99 and **Meredith Camp Rhodes '03** welcomed twins Peyton Olivia and Declan James at 1 a.m. Nov. 7.

Copyright adviser **Kyle Courtney '98** was named a Harvard (University) Hero for his pioneering work on copyright issues.

Florence, Italy, with our husbands and other friends. In January I returned to the IT industry with a software company in Minneapolis that specializes in cloud-based data backup and disaster recovery.

1998

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Caitlin Jenkins is a conservator at the Academy of Motion Pictures and Sciences in Los Angeles. **Josh Bacigalupi** was promoted to principal of Dryden Elementary School in Dryden, New York.

In Dallas, **Justin Mink** is growing his business, Music Audience Exchange, while planning his wedding in June. **Sheila Elledge Courtney** is director of risk management for the eastern half of the country for PURE insurance. **Kyle Courtney** is copyright adviser for Harvard University and was named a Harvard Hero for his pioneering work on copyright issues. His book *MOOCs and Libraries* was published in fall.

Jen Carter Tsimpris and husband Basil welcomed their second child, Anne Kathryn, Oct. 11.

Robert Courtneage and family purchased a home once owned by former MWC President Grellet Simpson. They welcomed second son Austin. Robert is chair of the

Matthew Jondrow is special projects development team lead with a NASA contractor in Hampton, Virginia. They focus on systems that process satellite data for the international community. He also works with drones and iPhone application programming.

Katherine "Kai" Lamb Owens is an art teacher at Washington Episcopal School in Bethesda, Maryland, and is mom to Sage, 10, and Elliott, 7. She co-runs a fine art photography business and is illustrating a children's poetry book. **Rachel Luehrs '12**, who recently earned her master's in education from Mary Washington, joined Kai's school this past fall. **Jennifer Macomber Meidinger '98** has two children and lives in the D.C. area, and Kai's former roommate **Jeanine Prother Williams** has children the same ages as Kai's and lives very close. **Derek Bottcher '96** works at GEICO, a mile from Kai's office in Chevy Chase, Maryland. **Susan Johnson** is married, has a little girl, and lives in central Virginia. Kai is often in touch with **Rob Solem** and **Ted Dangerfield** via email and would love to hear from **Chris Martin** and **Ritchie Coladarci**.

Kristin Ruhl Bergstrom, **Shannon Blevins**, and **Susanna Fisher Parker '97** became business partners with Rodan + Fields last summer. They were excited to add

Styling on Broadway

Makeup artist **Madeline LeCuyer '11** moves like a ninja. Armed with powder and hairspray, she dodges bright lights and big lenses, stalking stray hairs and slick skin.

"You don't want actors to look shiny because it will read as oil or sweat," said LeCuyer, who returned to her alma mater last fall to prep the student stars of UMW's first-ever TV commercial. "We want actors to look pristine at all times."

LeCuyer has helped folks put their best faces forward since a college play got her all tangled up in hair. From *She Stoops to Conquer* at UMW to *Aladdin* on Broadway, the theatrical stylist and professional wigmaker has been coiling and crimping her way to the top.

Growing up in Newport News, she loved lipsticks and liners, polish and gloss. Live theater? Not so much. Dragged to a performance of *The Music Man*, she begged to sit in the back near

the exit. By intermission, though, she was ready to get close to the action.

Her father, a sculptor, and her mother, a portrait artist, preached color theory and other artistic principles. But LeCuyer's decision to go into theater had "almost nothing to do with my parents," she said, "and more to do with Mary Washington."

She'd followed family members, including great-grandmother **Bessie Satchell Amory '29**, to UMW and was weighing her options when she took a stage makeup course. "I saw that spark in her," said Associate Professor of Theatre and Dance Kevin McCluskey. "When I challenged her to push herself, she did."

When the department hired a pro stylist to help create sky-high 18th-century hairdos, the professional noticed LeCuyer. "She pulled me aside and said, 'You're really good at this.'"

A theater and classical studies major, LeCuyer designed hair and makeup for UMW's *Our Town*, *Romeo and Juliet*, and *Seascape*, and interned

with the American Ballet Theatre. At McCluskey's urging, she applied to the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, where she earned a master's degree in wig and makeup design.

"I feel like I haven't stopped moving since I graduated from Mary Washington," said LeCuyer, who also holds a cosmetology license from Empire Beauty School in Queens.

She thrives on the fast pace and quick changes of Broadway, where she's worked on *Aladdin*, *Cinderella*, and *The Book of Mormon*.

"You're not just sitting around waiting to touch up a curl or powder a nose," LeCuyer said.

Her classical studies background helps her build customized wigs in elaborate looks from all eras – from the fanciful wisps of ancient Greece to the lofty hot-air-balloon looks of Marie Antoinette. It's a painstaking process that requires precise measurement, real hair ordered from overseas, and patience – one wig can take up to 50 hours.

When she isn't fussing with French twists and finger waves, pin curls and ponytails, she's happy to head back to campus to teach master classes and share her star-studded world with Mary Washington students.

"I'm proud to do it," she said. "I'm happy to get to give back in some way."

– Lisa Chinn Marvashti '92

"I feel like I haven't stopped moving since I left Mary Washington."

– Madeline LeCuyer



Madeline LeCuyer parlayed her theatrical experience from UMW into a career as a Broadway stylist.



Stefani Moore Miller '03 has a master's degree in counseling and has a private practice in North Carolina.

Katy Buchanan Storer to their team in fall.

Ashley DeNegre finished a Ph.D. in evolutionary biology in November 2014.

Cheryl Mayers Hinton and **Ryan Hinton '00** have four kids and she has a new business, Glen Allen Curves.

Susanne Eymmer Maurer has three loud boys, Jake, 7, Cody, 4, and Owen, 2. She has a private career counseling practice in D.C. near the National Zoo. She often sees **Shannon Blevins** and **Rob Snowwhite** at the preschool all of their children attend.

Chris Hitzelberger and **Joanna Bible Hitzelberger** added baby number five, Augustine, in October. Chris is director of Catholic Campus at Virginia Tech.

2000

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We couldn't have asked for a sunnier, more beautiful weekend in May 2015 for our 15th reunion.

Mariah Butler Vogelgesang volunteered with me. We caught up with **Chris Nowell**, **Beth Jarrett**, **Eve Sledjeski**, **Kerry Layne Adam**, **Angela Zosel-McCormick**, **James Mirabello**, **Betsy Burton**, **Michelle McChrystal Allen**, **Jennifer Greven**, **Joy Barnes**, **Sunshine Evans**, **Jenna Robinson**, and **Elaine Murray Strauss**, to name a few.

Blake Mitchell wed **Joe LaPointe** April 26, 2015, in a beautiful ceremony in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. It turned out to be a mini Virginia Hall reunion, with **Susan Wolf**, **Eve Sledjeski**, **Jackie Herr**, and me in attendance.

On July 4, **Maylian Pak** married **Matt Shapiro** in Eugene, Oregon. **Michelle Kelly Schuchardt**, **Joy Barnes**, **Beth Geiger Wolley**, **Jessica Bonanno**, **Rachael Dorsey McGowen**, **Erin Piemontesi**, **Aaron Davis '99**, **Jennifer Greven**, and **Greg Greven** attended. **Jennifer** and **Greg** and big siblings **Jack** and **Lily** welcomed baby **Penelope Kate** in March 2015. **Jennifer** continues to teach elementary music in Stafford County Schools. She let us know **John Rock** married **Bijal Patel** in Charlotte, North Carolina, in October 2014.

A friend of **Kelly Wagner Amen** let us know **Kelly** was undergoing cutting-edge stem cell treatments for cancer. In the unedited online Class Notes at magazine.umw.edu, see links to **Kelly's** blog and to an online fundraiser to help with treatment and related expenses.

Jennifer Thomas visited college friends in Northern Virginia, including **Becky Rink Brown**,

David Voth '05 is a second-year dental student in Richmond, Virginia.

James Cessaro, **Reena Desai**, **Andrew Salmon**, and **Meredith Lydon**. She lives in Charlotte and has an environmental consulting practice, **JennTec**.

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2003

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Kristin Bombard Green and husband **Matt** of Kent Island, Maryland, welcomed daughter

Emmeline Ruth Green on Oct. 13, 2015. **Kristin** is a public service librarian.

Gayle LaVallee Yanez was promoted to human resources director at Free Lance-Star Publishing in Fredericksburg.

Stefani Moore Miller has a master's degree in counseling and a private practice. She lives near Raleigh, North Carolina, and has two children, 3-year-old **Madison** and 1-year-old **Tyler**.

Christi Kramer and **Annie**, who got married in June, live in Estes Park, Colorado. **Christi** is director of public allies at Eagle Rock School and Professional Development Center.

Mark Sturm launched an intriguing web comic called *In the Boat*.

Nora Cronin was appointed New York state coordinator of human trafficking and unaccompanied minors programs. She previously served two years in the Office of Public Safety for Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo.

2004

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In January, **Patrick Hiltz** celebrated one year as a business manager and Realtor with Long and Foster. Before that he worked for seven years at the Virginia Department of Taxation.

Brandon Cox and **Laura Castello Cox** live in Southwestern Virginia, where **Brandon** practices family medicine. **Laura** homeschools their five children and was expecting a sixth child in January.

Grant Matthews lives in Richmond, Virginia, and sees **Travis Bjorklund '02**, **Daniel Guptill '03**, and **Scott Baker**. They took a two-week trip to Kenya to see friends, experience Nairobi, and visit national parks.

Kristen "Kiki" Skove King and

Jesse took a weeklong kid-free trip to the Caymans in the fall to celebrate their 11th anniversary. Their twin boys turned 4 in December. **Kristen** is manager of virtual solutions for her company and is pursuing a master's in business administration. She teaches parenting classes at a local homeless shelter for single moms with small children.

I traveled to Iceland last March with **Rob Bowen** and other friends to observe the Northern Lights, hike, and dive. In summer, **Tyler St. Clair** and I took a West Coast road trip through Colorado, Washington, Oregon, and Canada. We visited **Theresa Callaghan** along the way.

2005

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David Voth and wife **Stephanie** live in Richmond, Virginia, where **David** is a second-year dental student and **Stephanie** is a periodontist. They have four chickens and a cockapoo named **Bowman**.

Mario Alfaro and **LeeAnn Alfaro '07** welcomed their second child, **Isaac Andres Alfaro**, on Sept. 1, 2015. Big sister **Katie Grace** is 2½. **Mario** works in the merchant services industry and **LeeAnn** is a teacher.

2006

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Tori Miller Liu was promoted to vice president of technology and strategic initiatives at the Global Cold Chain Alliance, a trade association in Alexandria, Virginia. She earned an MBA from George Washington University in May of 2015.

Grant Lahmann married **Kelsey Knowles '05** on Aug. 8, 2015, in the San Juan Islands of Washington State. UMW and Mothers Rugby alumni **Chris Ridge**, **Chris Parks**, and **Adam Cash '07** were

Rebecca Kruse Wueste '06 volunteers as web and social media director for the DC Shiba Inu Rescue.

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groomsmen, while **Lauren Roan-Parks '05**, **Peter Geres '04**, and **Lauren Goor Geres '04** were there to keep them in line.

Rebecca Kruse Wueste was promoted to director of web opera-

on Nov. 21, 2015, in Richmond, Virginia. **Colleen Kelly**, **Suzanne Davey**, **Sarah Murphy**, and **Maureen Murphy** were bridesmaids, and **Tori Kuhr** attended.

Hassan Abdelhalim '10 won \$18,000 on the History Channel's *Pawnography*.

tions and strategy at the American Society of Civil Engineers, and volunteers as web and social media director for the DC Shiba Inu Rescue.

2007

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Jay Sinha of Arlington, Virginia, is a cyber privacy analyst with Booz Allen Hamilton. He was appointed to the UMW Presidential Search Advisory Committee in fall 2015, and to the steering committee for the UMW Affinity Groups Initiative.

Steven Grillo was elected to a three-year term as councilman in Sayreville, New Jersey, in November.

Jennifer Wagar became engaged to Dustin Fulford in November 2015 and was planning a May wedding in Northern Virginia.

Jenna Doolittle is an actress in Los Angeles. She starred in an episode of *Scandal* on ABC and had scenes opposite Scott Foley and Joe Morton.

Marcella Cavallaro married James Wallin in July in San Francisco. **Bethann White '06** and **Leanne Shannon '06** were bridesmaids, and **Deana Zornow** also attended. Marcella and James honeymooned in Belize and live in Burke, Virginia.

Sarah Eckman is an analyst for the Congressional Research Service at the Library of Congress. She and **Shaun Sargent '03** are engaged and purchased a house in Arlington, Virginia.

Megan Hayes Joyce married Chris Joyce of Powhatan, Virginia,

Elizabeth Phelps married Michael Kelly on April 11, 2015, in Kansas City, Missouri. Mary Washington roommate **Sarah D'Antonio** was maid of honor. **Donald Phelps '12** was a groomsman. **Tempa Klinegores Peters** attended. Elizabeth is an editor at Andrews McMeel Universal. She and Mike, an attorney, live in Roeland Park, Kansas.

Mary Caitlin Young earned a master's degree in library and information science from Louisiana State University in May.

2008

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Isaac Kassoock is a teacher at Saint Michael the Archangel High School in Fredericksburg and is serving as interim principal for the rest of the school year.

2009

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Brittany Cooney is a contractor for Johnson and Johnson in Horsham, Pennsylvania. She and Anthony Wiencek planned an April wedding.

Hilary Lufkin Lambert lives in Salt Lake City, Utah, and is an elementary teacher and outdoor education instructor. She and husband Patrick rafted the Grand Canyon last year.

Kathryn Carter Esworthy and **Jack Esworthy** of Richmond, Virginia, welcomed a baby boy in January.

2010

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Laura Pilati expected to graduate in May with a master's degree in non-profit studies from the University of Richmond. **Emilie Begin** moved to San Francisco in July 2015 after having lived in D.C. for five years. She is a change management consultant for Accenture.

Brandi Rollins married Grant Gerstner in December 2014. They live in Lexington Park, Maryland. **Mary Bennett** earned a master of occupational therapy degree from Radford University in December 2015.

Hassan Abdelhalim was featured on the History Channel game show *Pawnography* and won more than \$18,000 in prizes.

2011

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Edward "Dirk" Lynch, an environmental scientist in Virginia Beach, Virginia, obtained a Class 4 Wastewater Operator license to complement his Class 6 Drinking Water Operator license. **Linda Guzman-Tacaraya** started graduate school at American University and works for the U.S. Department of Energy.

Kyle Allwine '12, MBA '15 and Libby Baker MBA '15 met in the MBA program and became engaged in November.

Erin Burke Kauffman received a master's degree in education and an educational specialist degree from William & Mary. She is a psychologist in Fairfax County Public Schools. Erin married **Daniel Kauffman '10** on Aug. 8, 2015. **Diana Weigel** was maid of honor and **Justin Weirich '10** was best man. **Akhil Rachamadugu '10**, **Jim Platner '10**, and **Neil Burke '13** were groomsmen, and **Mary Catherine Thompson Ortolani** and **Alex Coppelman '06** were readers. Erin and Daniel live in Fairfax, Virginia.

Lindsay Meredith earned a master's degree in counselor education from

Virginia Commonwealth University in 2015 and planned to be a counselor in Bedford Public Schools. **Samantha Luffy** earned a master's degree in public health from Emory University in 2015. She is a program analyst with the United States Agency for International Development in Washington, D.C.

Kira Lanewala was relocating to the Orlando, Florida, area and expects to earn a master's in public health from George Washington University in spring 2017. **Grace Small** earned a master's degree in nursing from Emory University in December 2015 and was to begin working in an endocrinology practice in Atlanta, Georgia.

2012

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Kyle Allwine '12, MBA '15 and **Libby Baker MBA '15** became engaged in November after meeting in the MBA program. **Amy Leap** married Adam Miller on Aug. 22, 2015.

2014

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Colleen Reynolds of Potomac Falls,

Virginia, was to graduate in May with a master's degree in psychology from George Mason University and begin work as a user experience analyst for comScore Inc. in Reston, Virginia. **Conan Smeeth** is an English as a Second Language teacher in Moscow, Russia, working with kids and teens.

IN MEMORIAM

Mitchell Forrest Lyman '38
 Ruth Wheatley Stopps '38
 Mary Brame Edwards '39
 Rose Davis Morrisette '39
 Jane Adams Lile '40
 Hester Wolffe Spivey '41
 Jamie Redwood Witzel '41
 Virginia Bennett Skillman '42
 Catherine Laushey Covington '43
 Lois Dent Poindexter '43
 Henriette Beck Watson '43
 Sue Underhill Weber '43
 Ruth Westcott Hale '44
 Margaret Duke Ochi '44
 Iris Hastings Robinson '44
 Elizabeth Phillips Roe '44
 Jayne Conley Bailey '45
 Norma Dick Filios '45
 Mildred M. Savedge '45
 Betty Sharp Seelinger '45
 Bessie Preddy Birkhead '46
 Janice Worsley Mayberry '46
 Thelma Burdick Palmiter '46
 Anne Tredway Suthers '46
 Gloria Jolly Bertrand '47
 Louise Deputy Logan '47
 Kathryn T. Ryan '47
 Rose Ellen Lane Wadsworth '47
 Laura Willis Wilkerson '47
 Anne Williams Cordes '48
 Peggy Lou Dunton Croft '48
 Frances Belman Haddock '48
 Jeanne Cardwell Reese '48
 Eveline Johnson Wood '48
 Jean Murphy Baptist '49
 Kathryn Ann Carter '49
 Bettie Anne Ginn Osborne '49
 Judith Ayers Rabbe '49
 Martha Ann Worsham Dunford '50
 Maribel Sutherland Elton '50
 Dorothy Held Gawley '50
 Loyce Ann White Moskow '50
 Barbara Ogden '50
 Nancy Trice Coles '51
 Anne Ruggles Curfman '51
 Martha Bailes '53
 Jacquelin Reese Perdue '53
 Beatrice Justis Johnson '54
 Mary Jean Gary Jones '54
 Helen Roberts McGonegal '54
 Carol Ault Cheape '55

Frances Brittle Minor '55
 Joan Membert Shropshire '55
 Margaret Dorsey Purser '56
 Helene Martin Vest '57
 Cynthia West Benney '58
 Mary Carolyn Gwinn '59
 Elizabeth Desmond Manning '59
 JoNeal Hendricks Scully '59
 Priscilla Brown Wardlaw '59
 Joanne Meehan Godfrey '60
 Lynn Cowan McCarthy '61
 Sandra McKee '61
 Patricia Richardson Czerma '62
 Jean Sheehan Boucher '64
 Barbara Lewis '64
 Martha Pharr Robinson '64
 Mary Skeeter Murray '65
 Patricia Miles '67
 Gail Jargowsky Farmer '68
 Carlton Ridge '68
 Elizabeth "Betsy" Newton Ellis '70
 Joanne Averitt Ralph '70
 Madonna "Donna" Griffin Cote '71
 Barbara Barnes Krug '73
 Carolyn Weaver Mackay '73
 Vicky Ellen Hunt '74
 Elizabeth "Betsy" McNiel '77
 Rosemarie Kellam Martyn '79
 Christine Hruby '81
 Karen Carra '83
 Sharon M. Utz '83
 Francis "Frank" G. Gilmore '84
 Lauri Cover Wilks '90
 Christine Westerkamp Sielski '92
 Lance C. McDonald '93
 Tracey Bubb Haynes '94
 Kyle Thomas Pape '14
 Stefan Sacoto '18

CONDOLENCES

Lucinda West Preston '58,
 who lost her sister
 Dianna Trischman Lee '59,
 who lost her husband
 Ellen Grumbly de Gail '61,
 who lost her granddaughter
 Patty Cairns Hourin '61,
 who lost her mother
 Noel Sipple '62, who lost her
 mother
 Beverley Sulpice Persell '62,
 who lost her son
 Betsy Lydle Smith '63,
 who lost her mother

Sunny Agee '63,
 who lost her husband
 Mary A. Settle Johnson '63,
 who lost her brother
 Patricia Sprengle Davis '65, who
 lost her husband and her sister
 Barbara Wohlfeil Weatherall '65,
 who lost her husband
 Susan Cutler Oertel '65,
 who lost her husband
 Mollie Fornes Peery '68,
 who lost her husband
 Mary Weaver Mann '71,
 who lost her mother
 Marianne Reed '73,
 who lost her mother and father
 Kathryn Snyder Dooling '79,

who lost her father
 Mary Anne Kennedy Kane '79,
 who lost her mother
 Martha Williams '80,
 who lost her mother
 Mary Kay Lohr Crowley '81,
 who lost her husband
 Karen Snyder Boff '81,
 who lost her father
 Betsey Dunn Kirkemo '84,
 who lost her brother
 Karen Novak Gilmore '86,
 who lost her husband
 Dawn Sinka '87,
 who lost her mother
 Julie Lail Porter '92,
 who lost her father

Obituaries

Associate Professor Emeritus of History

Otho C. Campbell passed away Nov. 18, 2015. In his nearly 40 years at UMW, he was known in part for his compelling Civil War and Colonial Virginia lectures. Born in 1933 in Caroline County, Virginia, he spent two years in the Army during the Korean War and then attended the University of Richmond on the GI Bill. He earned a master's degree from George Washington University and a Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. His wife, three sons, and 10 grandchildren survive him.



Professor of Art History JeanAnn Dabb, 57,

passed away Oct. 20, 2015. She taught courses in ancient and medieval art, the history of mosaics, and the films of Alfred Hitchcock. She earned accolades for teaching, including the 2009 Mary W. Pinschmidt award. A native of Ogden, Utah, she attended Weber State University and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst; she received a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Her mother and her two brothers and their families survive her. Dabb was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



Professor of Geology Neil Ernest Tibert, 49,

passed away Dec. 20, 2015, after a brief illness. An intensely proud Nova Scotian, he grew up along the southwestern shores of the Bay of Fundy, where he learned to love the ocean. A devoted teacher, he studied microfossils and what they tell us about environmental change. He received a bachelor's and a master's degree in geology from Dalhousie University in Halifax, and he completed a doctorate at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. His wife and their three children survive him. Tibert was a skilled blues guitarist.





A Letter to Troy Paino's New Fans

When Truman State University senior Erica Nolan learned in February that her school president would be leaving to become the 10th president of UMW, she wrote a letter to Mary Washington students. This is an excerpt.

Dear University of Mary Washington Students,

Writing this has been one of the hardest things I've ever done. It's primarily because I'm still in shock that President Troy Paino is leaving Truman State University. It's also because President Paino is impossible to put into words.

If you ever have the opportunity to meet a Truman student or alum who had the privilege of having Paino as president, I can guarantee they have a personal Paino story. He's willing to make guest appearances in promotional videos for student organizations. He stops his own workouts to cheer on students on group runs. He has even taken time to teach courses. He'll take selfies with students if they ask him and makes us fantastic videos during breaks just to tell us he misses us.

A piece of Troy Paino's heart will always be a Truman Bulldog. Every action he has made in his last 10 years on our campus has shown how devoted

jealous that you get him all to yourselves next year, but I'm also excited that there will be a school somewhere else that understands how wonderful this man is.

As a senior at Truman, I'm lucky to be leaving at the same time as President Paino. However, knowing that he won't be on campus when I visit as an alum is pretty numbing. While Truman is great in so many ways, President Paino was a large part of what made my four years at this school wonderful.

So, here we go, UMW. We're handing the torch to you. Please understand that a man more than 7,000 students love is about to become your president. Please try your hardest to appreciate him as much as we do. We'll be keeping tabs, seeing as a majority of us are his Facebook friends. You're allowed to love him as much as we have – if you can.

Sincerely,

Erica Nolan '16
Truman State University

Erica Nolan's open letter to UMW students was first published in February on Odyssey, a social content platform for millennials.



UMW's 10th president, Troy Paino, chats with Honor Council President Diana Inthavong '16 at a ceremony welcoming Paino in February.

To UMW, Troy Paino is currently just a man. To Truman, he is so much more than that. He's our biggest cheerleader. He's a role model to every student who walks on campus. He's a father figure when you need one, and he will always and forever be our own personal T-Pain [a nickname he's called by Truman students].

he is to our school, and I have no doubt that he will always hold Truman in the highest regard.

With that said, I fully believe that he will do the same for you. President Paino puts every ounce of himself into making the community around him great. I'm

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Honoring President Richard V. Hurley



A Mary Washington First Campaign gift from Marceline Weatherly Morris '50 and Elmer Morris Jr. '50 made possible this portrait of UMW's ninth president. Unveiled in April during the dedication of the Hurley Convergence Center, the portrait soon will be displayed among other presidential paintings in the Dodd Foyer of George Washington Hall.

Award-winning artist Loryn Brazier composed and painted this three-quarter-figure, oil-on-linen-canvas portrait. Brazier, who owns Brazier Gallery in Richmond, has had paintings displayed in numerous homes, offices, and public buildings, including the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C.

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Stage Fight

Morgan Patch '18, above at top, and Ian Nace '18 go toe to toe in Stage Combat class with Casey Kaleba, far right. Kaleba, a certified Society of American Fight Directors instructor, choreographs stage combat for D.C. venues and companies such as Studio Theatre, Signature Theatre, and Folger Theatre. Kaleba brings his combat course to UMW each year to teach young actors how to be believably belligerent without getting hurt. Also pictured are Melissa Pampel '19, in blue, Jamie Broadhead '18, and Kenneth Cassine '16.